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The crowd celebrates the Michigan men's basketball season at Crisler Arena on Tuesday. For more photos, see page A9.

Heroes' welcome

BASKETBALL TEAM GREETED LIKE CHAMPIONS AT HOMECOMING RALLY

BY KYLE AUSTIN
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Just before midnight on Monday, more than 11,000 fans left the Crisler Center in a stunned silence after watching Michigan fall to Louisville, 82-76, in the national title game.

About 15 hours later, there once again was a line outside Michigan's basketball arena. Many of those same fans were back. But this time, the mood was different.

Despite the team's run ending with a loss, Wolverines fans came out to show their support for Michigan's first final four team in 20 years in the Tuesday afternoon ceremony.

The Wolverines' team bus pulled up a little after 3 p.m.

When players and coaches entered the arena, they found a gathering of a few hundred fans filling most of three sections in the south end of the Crisler Center, cheering them on as if they were national

champions.

"We just want to thank you guys," point guard Trey Burke told the crowd. "This team's been through a lot this year. We were doubted, and toward the middle of the year, we faced a lot of adversity that we overcame. Unfortunately, we didn't get the win yesterday, but we've got a lot to be proud of."

With his team in folding chairs around him on the floor, Wolverines coach John

SEE RALLY, A4

Despite heartbreak, U-M basketball officially is back

ATLANTA — As far as heartbreaks go, for Michigan, this one didn't seem horribly bitter.

Sure, the Wolverines fell six points shy of a national championship Monday, and sure, they probably let one get away.

Sure there were tears in the locker room after the game, but there were also hugs. Smiles. Some laughter.

Michigan was not a perfect team this season, and it certainly wasn't Monday against Louisville, but it was a team that gave every ounce of energy it had — every time it took the floor.

Monday was no exception. It fell short. It didn't get it done. This one hurt. It'll hurt tomorrow. It'll hurt next week. Next year. Five years from now. Forever, most likely.

But keeping the greater perspective in mind, the Wolverines left Atlanta without one shred of long-term regret.

Michigan basketball is back on the map.

And fans have John Beilein, Trey Burke and the 2012-13 Michigan Wolverines to thank for that.

"The sun is going to come up tomorrow," Beilein said after the loss. "If they're not smiling, I'm going to make them smile."



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Michigan guard Trey Burke (3) walks off the court as Louisville celebrate its win during the second half of the NCAA college basketball championship game Monday.

"They're terrific young people."

Sure, Michigan could have handled things differently in a number of areas Monday night.

Beilein admitted he made a coaching gaffe in the final minute-by-minute by not

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Developer: Scaled-back version of 618 South Main apartments to break ground in July

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Offering perhaps the firmest endorsement a developer can give for his own product, Dan Ketelaar said he will move into one of the apartments he plans to build on South Main Street.

"I'm going to have an apartment on the top floor," said Ketelaar of Ann Arbor-based Urban Group Development, 225 S. Ashley St.

"I've reserved an apartment for myself and I'm going to fix it up," he said. "I think it's a great spot. I think it's a great neighborhood."

Ketelaar said he will move out of his house on Ann Arbor's east side, and his significant

other will be joining him in their new near-downtown abode.

"It's going to be a good product, so why wouldn't I be proud enough to move in there?" he said. "I think it's going to be a nice community."

It's been almost 10 months since Ketelaar received approval from the Ann Arbor City Council for the development known as 618 South Main, an apartment project that promises to cater to mostly young professionals — and not University of Michigan students.

Ketelaar, using himself as an example, said he's expecting the apartments also will have some appeal among empty nesters

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The 618 South Main apartments project is planned for the site of the former Fox Tent and Awning building, north of Mosley between Main and Ashley. The existing structures on the site are to be demolished to make way for a 156-unit apartment building. This is the site as it looked on Monday, viewed from Ashley Street.

Police confirm drowning as EMU student's cause of death

BY KATREASE STAFFORD
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Ypsilanti police and the family of Julia Niswender this week have confirmed details in the December homicide of the 23-year-old Eastern Michigan University student, including that she was found drowned in her bathtub.

Julia's twin sister, Jennifer Niswender, said the family was told Julia was found in an unnatural position, leading investigators to believe "she wasn't taking an actual bath."

Ypsilanti police Chief Amy Walker confirmed Julia was found drowned in her bathtub and said the department is continuing to



Julia Niswender

actively investigate the case as a homicide.

"This case has always been and will continue to be a homicide," Walker said Tuesday evening. "... There won't be a stone unturned."

Walker confirmed the cause of death of the 23-year-old Eastern Michigan University student was asphyxiation associated with drowning. The confirmation comes after investigators ruled the death a homicide in January. Julia's family released the cause of death to the media earlier Tuesday.

Niswender was found dead Dec. 11 in her off-campus

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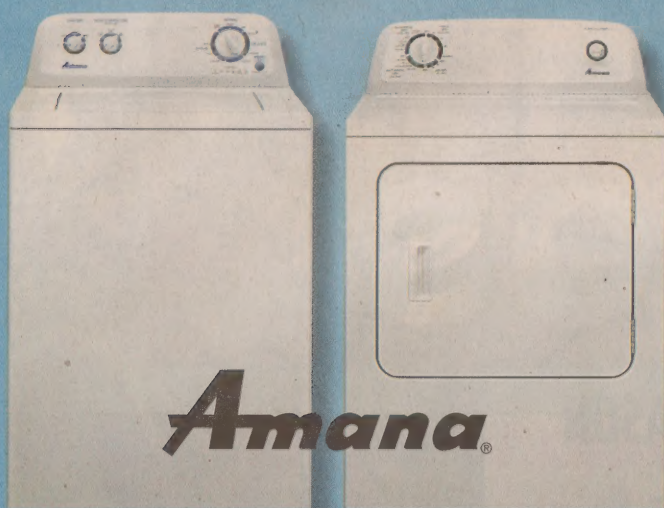
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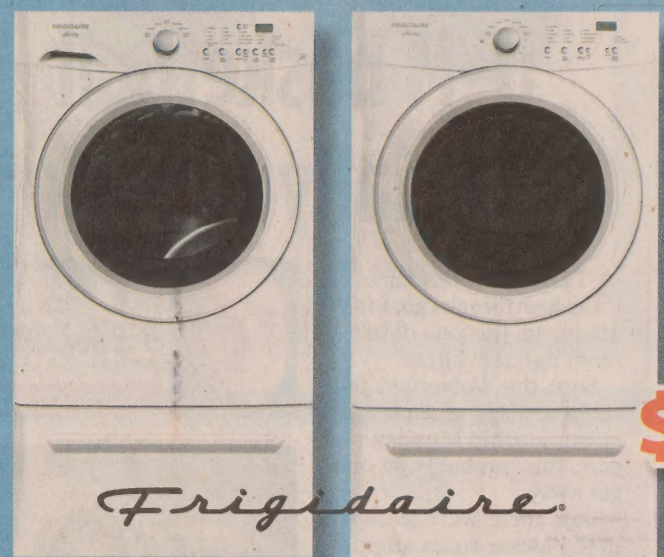
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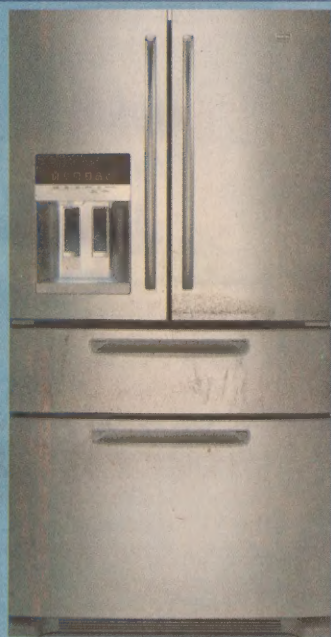
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BASKETBALL U-M PROVES DEFINITELY ITS PROGRAM IS BACK DESPITE CHAMPIONSHIP LOSS

CONTINUED FROM A1 realizing how many fouls his team had to give — but at that point, Michigan already was playing catchup.

The Wolverines blew a 12-point first-half lead in a matter of minutes and simply never recovered.

Louisville battered Michigan on the glass in the second half, out-rebounding the Wolverines 20-10 after the break — 11 of them coming on the offensive end.

Michigan couldn't keep Peyton Siva out of the paint, it couldn't find Luke Hancock and it just couldn't throw enough punches to stay in the fight.

But, stepping back and looking at the situation from on high, Beilein and his club seemed to understand one thing afterward: The fact they were even here was an accomplishment on its own.

Michigan wasn't playing this game with house money, but it certainly wasn't left in shambles after the final horn on the 2013 season buzzed off Monday night.

"When you get to a championship level, that's nothing to sniff at," Michigan assistant Bacari Alexander said. "We just feel we're just getting started."

This team won 31 games. It made its first Sweet 16 since 1994. It made its first Final Four since 1993. It was six points away from its first



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Michigan freshman Nik Stauskas celebrates three-point basket in the first half against Louisville during the national championship game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on Monday.

NCAA championship since 1989.

Led by five freshmen and the program's most dominant player in two decades, Trey Burke, Michigan was in the business of re-setting recent program standards all season.

In 2007, John Beilein came to Michigan to resurrect its basketball program.

Mission accomplished. On Monday night in

Atlanta, even after a loss, he stood and answered questions with the look of a man who felt content.

The Wolverines could lose four players to the NBA draft this summer — Burke, Glenn Robinson III, Mitch McGary and Tim Hardaway Jr. all have decisions to make.

They might all leave. And if they do, a number of fans will sit and sulk about it.

But those people are missing the point. Michigan basketball was in the national eye for almost an entire year.

The team was ranked in the top five at the start of the year, began the season 16-0, elevated to No. 1 in the country, had the consensus national player of the year on its roster, went to the Final Four and played for a national championship.

And, if players declare early, the Michigan basketball infomercial will continue in June at the draft.

Beilein's program has proven it can win at a high level, recruit at a high level and develop at a high level.

Michigan brings in Indiana's Mr. Basketball next season in Zak Irvin, Michigan's Gatorade national player of the year in Derrick Walton and a 6-foot-9 shooting big man in Mark Donnal — it's another class ranked inside the top 20 nationally.

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DESPITE U-M LOSS, A QUIET NIGHT FOR FIREFIGHTERS

BY JOHN COUNTS

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Despite several fires set in Ann Arbor following the University of Michigan's loss to Louisville in the title NCAA men's basketball game Monday night in Atlanta, police said it was a fairly quiet night overall.

The Ann Arbor Fire Department extinguished nine fires throughout the city, according to a news release from Battalion Chief Steven Lowe. Two of those fires appeared to be on campus, according to the U-M police incident summary.

Ann Arbor Fire Chief Chuck Hubbard said the outdoor blazes are being looked into by the Fire Prevention division.

"It's really difficult to investigate something like this," Hubbard said.

Some of the fires involved burning couches in the street, while others were started with other types of furniture, tree branches and other debris.

The chief said the department was fully staffed and that he was actually prepared for more fires after reading about post-basketball game blazes in East Lansing over the years.

"I anticipated it was going to be worse," Hubbard said.

There was a heavy police presence Monday night and early Tuesday morning, especially in areas such as South University Avenue and Church Street, where dozens of officers from law enforcement agencies all over the county were on patrol.

In the end, the people streaming out of Crisler Center and local watering holes were mostly peaceful. There were two arrests and one medical transport the night of the game,

Ann Arbor police Lt. Renee Bush said.

The first arrest occurred at 10:40 p.m. Monday when a 23-year-old Dexter woman was arrested for drunken driving after hitting a parked car near the intersection of South State Street and Monroe Street, Bush said. The woman was not injured in the accident.

A 30-year-old Ann Arbor man was later arrested at The Blue Leprechaun in the 1200 block of South University Avenue for disorderly conduct. Bush said moments after the game ended around 11:45 p.m., the man "was yelling obscenities and assaulted the bartender." The man, who had been drinking alcohol, was ejected and arrested on the sidewalk by police.

The only person taken to the hospital Monday night was a 24-year-old Ann Arbor man who was in a Chevy that plowed into a bedroom at an apartment complex, Bush said.

Three men fled after the car went off Fair Street and ended up in a couple's bedroom in the Manchester Flats apartments around 12:45 a.m. Tuesday. The couple were in the living room watching television at the time and were not injured.

The 24-year-old man returned to the scene of the accident and was taken to the hospital in an ambulance, Bush said. An investigation to identify and contact the two other men continues.

The Crisler Center was filled to its roughly 13,000 capacity for the game viewing event, but there were no major incidents to report, U-M police spokeswoman Diane Brown said early Tuesday morning. One intoxicated subject was ejected from the building at 8:10 p.m., more than an hour before tipoff, and two intoxicated subjects were not allowed to enter later in the evening, according to the U-M police incident log.

Also on campus, a fire extinguisher was discharged at 542 Thompson St. at 10:42 p.m. Monday. At 1:33 a.m. Tuesday, five subjects were warned for being in the Arboretum after hours, the incident log indicated.

"I thought it went great," Bush said of policing efforts. "Everyone that I saw was very responsible. They were high-fiving us and we were high-fiving them. I think it was a good day. I'm just sad they didn't win, but to get this far is amazing."



Ann Arbor firefighters put out a fire in a parking lot on Kingsley Street in Ann Arbor after the Wolverines' loss to Louisville.

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Police await autopsy results in homicide of Detroit-area man

BY KYLE FELDSCHER

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Ypsilanti police are waiting on the final autopsy report on 46-year-old River Rouge resident John Lawrence as the homicide investigation into his death moves through its second week.

Ypsilanti police Detective Joe Yuhus said Tuesday afternoon police are continuing to investigate Lawrence's March 31 death as a homicide. The investigation could last for a few more weeks as police wait for the final reports from Lawrence's autopsy.

"We're expecting something back in a couple weeks on the final toxicology screen and the final autopsy report," Yuhus

said.

Two people were arrested in connection with Lawrence's death March 31. Police said Lawrence was hit in the head with a frying pan during a dispute at the Peninsular Place apartments.

Lawrence's 19-year-old daughter called him for help with a dispute with her roommates.

When he arrived, he gave her his handgun and told her to take it to his car.

When she returned to the apartment in the 900 block of Railroad Street, the door was locked, Raven Lawrence previously said.

When police entered the apartment, John Lawrence was dead.

Initially, police said Lawrence possibly died from blunt force trauma to the head. However, after the initial autopsy, police said blunt force trauma might not have been the official cause of death.

The man and woman arrested March 31, both 20 years old, were held in the Washtenaw County Jail until 6 p.m. April 3.

They were released without being charged by Washtenaw County prosecutors.

Yuhus said prosecutors reviewed the case and have given police suggestions on where they need to follow up.

Anyone with information on this case is encouraged to call the Ypsilanti Police Department at 734-483-9510.

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Pioneer student charged in brawl rejects plea offer

BY JOHN COUNTS
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One 17-year-old Pioneer High School student facing assault charges after last fall's high school football brawl rejected a plea offer Friday that eventually could have removed the case from his record.

Assistant Washtenaw County Prosecutor Julie Sisson said if the boy admitted responsibility or pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor assault and battery charge, the prosecution wouldn't object to a sentencing agreement or a deferred sentencing.

A deferred sentencing allows the defendant to have the charges wiped from his or her record if the defendant fulfills certain obligations, usually involving probation and fines.

The boy's attorney, Brooke Williams, told Judge Donald Shelton she informed her client of his choices in the plea deal, but that he declined.

"He has decided he wants to proceed to trial," she said.

A jury trial was scheduled for June 24. There will be a chance at a plea deal before then, however. A final pretrial hearing was scheduled for June 7. A resolution in the case

could come anytime between now and then.

June 7 is also the deadline for the defense and prosecution to share evidence in the case. Sisson said she was still waiting for evidence from a Twitter account but did not elaborate in court about what the content from the account might reveal.

After the hearing finished, the boy hugged his mother in the hallway of the courthouse and greeted some of the many supporters from the Ann Arbor Concerned Citizens for Justice group who were on hand to protest. The group alleges the charges are racially motivated. All three students charged in the incident are black.

The brawl started when coaches from Huron High School and Pioneer met after the game Oct. 12 and began a verbal altercation that turned physical when assistant coach Vince Wortmann shoved Huron head coach Cory Gildersleeve.

Wortmann was not charged because prosecutors ruled he believed he was defending Pioneer head coach Paul Test.

Wortmann was fired after the incident. Both head coaches have since resigned.

The Ann Arbor Board of Education passed a resolution in March asking the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office to "re-evaluate the degree of criminalization" of the three students' actions during the brawl.

The boy — whom AnnArbor.com is not naming because he is a juvenile — is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault and assault and battery.

A second 17-year-old Pioneer student was found responsible on one count of misdemeanor assault and battery on Feb. 6. He is awaiting disposition, the equivalent of a sentencing in juvenile court, which is scheduled for April 30. The juveniles are both accused of kicking a Huron High School player in the face.

Eighteen-year-old Bashir Garain, the third Pioneer student charged in the melee, pleaded guilty to one count of assault with a dangerous weapon in the Washtenaw County Trial Court Friday. A second count of assault with a dangerous weapon and two misdemeanor counts of assault and battery will be dismissed.

APARTMENT NEW SPACE FOR YOUNG AND EMPTY NESTERS

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who want to downsize and move closer to downtown.

"While we're focused on young professionals, we think this is a real opportunity for people my age," he said.

Ketelaar hoped to break ground in May, but he said the timeline has been pushed back — he's been lining up financing, revising the plans and reducing the scope of the project.

He plans to eliminate an entire floor, reducing the building from seven to six stories, while the number of apartments drops from 182 to 156.

He hopes to have construction underway sometime in July, and he expects to be able to welcome the first tenants by summer of 2014.

"We're moving forward with it," he said. "We've gotten all our approvals and financing in place, and we're in the process of getting our guaranteed maximum price from our contractor, so we're finishing all our architectural drawings and taking it through that process."

More efficient use of space

Ketelaar said his decision to reduce the building height was driven by concerns expressed by some members of the community who thought seven stories was too high. He said it also happens to work out for him financially, so he'll be asking the city's planning department to approve the revisions.

"We became more efficient with the building," he said. "There's less wasted space."

Wendy Rampson, the city's planning manager, said representatives for 618 South Main have told the city they want to make some administrative changes to the site plan, but those changes have not been filed.

Administrative changes typically are minor and don't require council approval.

Changes mentioned thus far, Rampson said, include raising the finished floor elevation, removing upper-floor units and connecting the pool house to the club house.

Ketelaar said the revised plans still include two floors of underground parking and amenities such as a 1,400-square-foot indoor lounge, fitness center, pool, outdoor areas with fire pits and a rooftop terrace on the north side on the sixth floor.

"The benefit of this is you can go downstairs to a 1,400-square-foot living room," he said, envisioning the lounge will be a gathering place for tenants and foster a sense of community.

Ketelaar said more than one third of the units will be studio apartments, roughly 30 will be two-bedroom units, and the rest will be one-bedroom units.

"These aren't student housing, so we're not looking at them that way," he said, predicting rents will start at about \$1,100 and go up from there.

A major partner

Ketelaar said he's partnering with U.S. Equities Realty, a full-service commercial real estate firm headquartered in Chicago, to make the project happen.

U.S. Equities Realty has been responsible for a number of major projects in Chicago.

It managed the design and engineering phases of the Jay Pritzker Music Pavilion (designed by Frank Gehry) in Chicago's Millennium Park, as well as Gehry's B.P. Pedestrian Bridge.

The company also oversaw the engineering and fabrication of Anish Kapoor's famous Cloud Gate sculpture, as well

as the design and production of Jaume Plensa's Crown Fountain.

Chicago-based Clayco was chosen to oversee the construction. Ketelaar said Clayco will hire many Southeast Michigan subcontractors, and it will be a union job.

Washtenaw Engineering is handling civil engineering, Ann Arbor-based Robert Darvas Associates PC is the structural engineer and Shannan Gibb-Randall, of Ann Arbor-based InSite Design Studio, is the landscape architect. The building architect is Mike Siegel, of Chicago-based VOA Associates.

The Habitat Co., a Chicago-based property manager, will handle leasing for 618 South Main.

The company already manages two other apartment complexes in Ann Arbor: Lake Village on the city's south side and Windemere Park on the city's northeast side.

Still money to raise

Ketelaar said it's still about a \$37.5 million project. He's getting more than \$6.5 million in public incentives to undertake the project, including a \$3 million Community Revitalization Program loan from the Michigan Economic Development Corp., tax-increment financing assistance valued at \$2.9 million, and a \$650,000 grant from the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority.

According to the MEDC, \$2.2 million in school taxes resulting from the project will be captured and reinvested into the project, along with \$679,793 in local taxes.

The money the DDA is chipping in will pay for streetscape improvements along South Main.

Mayor John Hieftje noted the project has support from the Old West Side Association, which told city officials last year the developer did a great job of working with neighbors to refine the design. Hieftje, who grew up in the neighborhood on Princeton Avenue, said he welcomes the project.

"Those are the kinds of units we really want right now, and it would be an asset to that neighborhood," he said.

The project is at the site of the former Fox Tent & Awning building, north of Mosley between Main and Ashley. Existing structures on the site still need to be demolished.

The fact that none of the work has been visible yet has led some to question whether Ketelaar was struggling to line up financing for the project.

"It's more procedural," he said. "It's a brownfield project, so we had to go through that whole process with the state, finalize that and move forward. It just takes time."

Ketelaar said financing a \$37.5 million apartment project that isn't student housing takes a lot of work, especially when "people still look askew at Michigan, even though Ann Arbor is a strong community."

"Things have changed in the last year and a half to two years," he said. "It was more of a concern two years ago than it is now. The economy is changing."

"Those are the kinds of units we really want right now, and it would be an asset to that neighborhood."

— Mayor John Hieftje

RALLY 'IT'S VERY EMOTIONAL,' HARDAWAY JR. SAYS

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Beilein took to the microphone and thanked the fans for coming out. He said he had heard about the Monday night gathering at Crisler when the arena was nearly filled to capacity, and called it "tremendous."

The microphone was then passed to every assistant coach and player, each of whom thanked the fans for taking time out to show their support.

Stars such as Burke and Tim Hardaway Jr. received the expected hearty receptions when it was their turn to speak. But the loudest cheer of the day went up for the last speaker: freshman point guard Spike Albrecht.

After averaging fewer than two points per game during the regular season, Albrecht exploded for 17 in the first half Monday night.

The performance instantly made Albrecht a national phenomenon. So much so that he took to Twitter on Tuesday morning to send a message to Sports Illustrated swimsuit model Kate Upton, thanking her for attending the game and saying he hopes to see her again.

"What you don't know is that Spike is so big right now that Kate Upton asked him out for a date and he said he's too busy," Beilein said.

After all the thank yous, the ceremony ended with the final singing of The Victors for the 2012-13 team.

"It's very emotional," Hardaway Jr. said after the ceremony. "We love our fans to death, it was great to see them come out here and support us like they did. They took time out of their day to come out and support us."

Hardaway Jr. is one of several Wolverines players who could have made their last Crisler appearance Tuesday. Hardaway, Burke, Glenn Robinson III and Mitch McGary could all declare for the NBA draft after the season. Hardaway, Burke and McGary each said they had yet to come to a decision.

"It'll be something that I'll be talking over with my coaching

staff and parents over the next week or two," Burke said. "I haven't set a timeline on my future."

A wide range of fans took time to greet the Wolverines in a short-notice ceremony. At 3 p.m., Michigan hockey coach Red Berenson was at the Crisler Center door alongside the throng of fans. He found a seat in the bleachers along side assistant coach Billy Powers to take in the event.

"I just wanted to show my support, and it's hard to contact Beilein," Berenson said. "I want them to know that everyone in the athletic department is behind them."

While Berenson made the short walk across the parking lot from Yost Ice Arena, others traveled much farther to make it to the event. Also among the early arrivals were freshmen Kevin Conn and Gabe Gelbart, who both attended Monday night's game in Atlanta.

Both made quick trips back to Ann Arbor, Conn arriving by car at around 12:30 p.m. and Gelbart by plane at 1 p.m. After stops at their dorms, both were in their seats at Crisler to see this Wolverines team one final time.

Gelbart called watching the Wolverines in the final four a "life-changing experience."

Conn said fans' attachment to this Wolverines team goes beyond the players' successes.

"You can go up and talk to them, and they'll actually talk to you and have a conversation," Conn said.

One section over, Peggy Cole and Bob Trudell sat holding a large white banner congratulating "our champions," from the residents of the St. Louis Center in Chelsea.

The St. Louis Center, a residential community for people with developmental disabilities, was chosen this year by Beilein as his charity of choice. Beilein took his players to St. Louis twice this year, where they played basketball with residents and gave them tickets to a game.

"He's not only taught these

guys how to play an incredible game and develop their skills, but he's also teaching them how to be charitable, which lasts forever," Cole, St. Louis's development director, said of Beilein. "So he's taught them really great lessons."

Cole had the banner made Monday before the game and had it signed by the St. Louis residents. She dropped it off at Crisler on Monday morning, hoping it could be displayed for the players when they returned. But when she heard there would be a welcome home ceremony for the team, she came back and held it herself.

"It's our way of saying thank you," Cole said

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Issues remain for Gault Village Kmart

Building is torn down but project not complete

BY TOM PERKINS
FOR ANNARBOR.COM

Ypsilanti Township officials are hopeful renewed court pressure may soon bring an end to the many issues surrounding the partially demolished abandoned Kmart off Grove Road.

In early September 2011, Washtenaw County Circuit Court Judge Donald Shelton ordered Union Lake Associates to demolish the Kmart connected to the Gault Village Shopping Plaza that the company owns within 60 days.

But the project is still not complete.

That put Ypsilanti Township and an attorney for Sylvan Township-based Union Lake back in front of Shelton on March 27.

But township attorney

Dennis McLain said Shelton ordered the attorney to bring Union Lake's managing partner, Michael McGlothlin, into the courtroom April 24 to provide an explanation why the company has ignored Shelton's order to demolish the property for well over a year.

As of Friday, the entire Kmart building had come down, and crews were working on a new exterior wall next to Measurement Inc., a business that grades standardized tests for Michigan schools. Measurement Inc. previously was attached to the Kmart, so a new exterior wall must be built as part of the demolition project.

"Apparently we got their attention," McLain said when told crews were once again working on the wall, though he expressed frustration the company needed the threat of being held in contempt of court to complete the project.

Among other issues, the Kmart, which is on the west side of the 235,000-square-foot



Crews have demolished the K-Mart facing Grove Road, but the project isn't finished.

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shopping center along Grove Road near I-94, had a collapsing roof, crumbling outer wall and mold infestation.

The store was been abandoned for more than 20 years before demolition started Dec. 20, 2012.

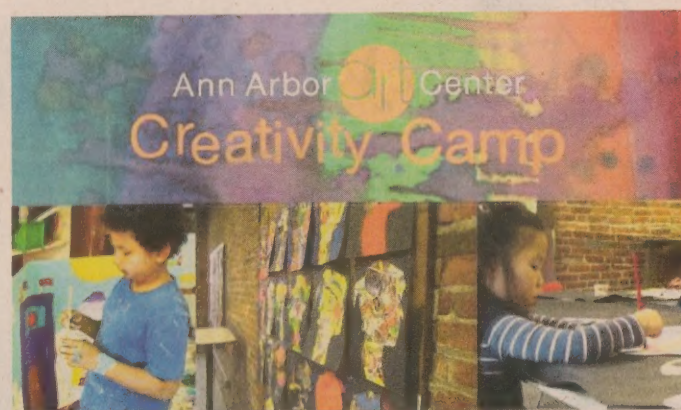
The entire plaza also has seen a variety of issues ranging from crumbling walls to mold infestation.

McGlothlin could not be reached.

Although the wall appears to be nearing completion, there are a variety of smaller issues that also must be attended to, McLain said.

Among those:

- A cinder block perimeter remains in the ground and is considered a hazard. Per the demolition agreement, Union Lake was to leave a completely smooth surface.
- Sewage holes where the toilets were in the store were left unplugged.
- Hydraulic fluid was left on the site near where the hoists in the Kmart body shop were set up.
- Mold remained on the outside Measurement Inc.'s wall.
- No maintenance plan has been developed for the problematic plaza.



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apartment in Peninsular Place Apartments in Ypsilanti.

Jennifer said Tuesday that Julia's apartment was found in disarray and "couple of things were missing." Jennifer also said the door to Julia's apartment was locked, but declined to say whether her keys were included in the missing items.

Family members declined to say whether Niswender was found clothed in the bathtub, but Jennifer said police have told the family there were no signs that a "sexual assault or struggle" took place.

"That's what they said right from the beginning," Jennifer said.

Jennifer said the family believes the individual responsible for her sister's death was someone she knew, although she said at this point, it's just the family's speculation.

"We have known just for a little bit of time but it's now being able to be released," Jennifer said of the cause of death. "It's a weight off of our shoulders because people ask all the time. Now that people will know, we'll have answers. We'll never know why this person did it but we're hoping the reward will jog people's memory."

Walker declined to provide additional details about the case, including whether Julia may have known the individual responsible for her death.

"I can't get into any of that," Walker said. "These detectives have a difficult case and have been working vigorously. It's not a clear-cut case. There's some sensitive information. ... The fact that the family is going public, I can't control it."

Walker said the public need not be on "high alert" but urged people to be aware of their surroundings as usual.

Walker said investigators have interviewed more than 100 individuals for possible leads.

"They (investigators) have polygraphed over 100 people, and everyone has passed," Jennifer said. "Homeland Security and State Police are working

together on this case. They have been conducting interviews with people in Ohio up to the Upper Peninsula."

U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement spokesman Khaalid Walls confirmed Wednesday that Homeland Security Investigations is assisting in the case at the request of Ypsilanti police. The Michigan State Police also is assisting.

"Homeland Security Investigations, or HSI, is supporting the investigation with computer and digital forensic expertise through our cyber investigations unit," Walls said.

The Niswender family recently announced a \$10,000 reward that is being offered for more information regarding her death. The reward is being offered by the Duvall Group Investigations PLLC. A flier states the reward will be given for information "leading to the

arrest and indictment of the person or people responsible" for Julia's death.

"Duvall Group Investigations PLLC has posted the reward," said Kim Turnquist, Niswender's mother. "The owner, Ryan, has been a family friend for years. We have not hired his services. We are confident that the (Ypsilanti) Police Department will find justice for Julia and my family."

Funds can be donated for distribution costs and flier costs. Checks or money orders can be sent to the Duvall Group Investigations PLLC at P.O. Box 1822 Monroe, MI 48161, ATTN: Justice for Julia or by calling 1-800-681-0687.

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Bone-jarring, teeth-rattling, coffee-spilling, tire-shredding, wheel-bending craters of vehicular doom lie in our paths. The appearance of potholes, like the arrival of the red-winged blackbird — a species of which I spied Sunday — heralds the true arrival of spring in the Huron Valley.

Spring brings April showers, which are forecasted this week, which begs the question — are you properly equipped to deal with the rain?

How are those windshield wiper blades that doubled as an ice scraper and snow brush when the winter winds blew? Remember when you were a little late, it was a little too cold or you forgot to put the ice scraper in your car and you wanted to shortcut the snow and ice removal process?

It seemed like a good plan and worked several times in the late fall. Believe me, I'm a lifelong Michigan resident, so I understand and do not judge.

Who has not tried to tactfully utilize their wiper blades, in conjunction with winter windshield washer fluid, until the defroster could establish a beachhead on the bottom of the windshield? That small arc of clarity on the bottom of the windshield growing ever so slightly as precious moments ticked away.

Remember the couple of times you tried to use your wipers to remove heavy snow or light ice, and you flipped the switch, heard the wiper arms try to lift the heavy load of snow or break the grip of the ice and they did not budge? Yeah ... and now, we die-hard Michiganders wonder why there is a huge unwiped streak perfectly positioned in our line of sight on the windshield.



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Springtime is the right time to invest in a new set of wiper blades. Even though they might be expensive, seeing properly is a key element to safe operation of whatever vehicle you drive.

Some products, such as Rain-X, also can assist in keeping your vision clear on a rainy day. You must, however, have operational windshield wipers and a washer fluid pump to keep that windshield clear, as I recently cautioned my son.

The occasion for fatherly advice came when my wife and I borrowed his pickup to run an errand. My son's windshield was hazed over with road film, so I hit the combo squitter and wiper button. The pump worked, but the driver's side wiper arm went up and dangled precariously while the passenger side wiper wiped away for three or four strokes.

"Dude, what's up with your wiper?" I said.

"Oh yeah, Dad, I forgot to tell you not to use the wipers. I just use Rain-X."

"Great testimonial, son, but even Rain-X can't repel squashed bugs, dust and bird droppings," (not my word at the time, but more suitable for print).

Even I — who would rather work police overtime and pay John or Ron, my pals at Mallek's Service, to fix the waxes on my car correctly — fixed my son's wiper arm dilemma and dazzled my family with simulated mechanical aptitude. The bottom line here is operational wipers are a must on any vehicle.

Good vision on the few sunny days we enjoy in Michigan is just as important. Keep the dust and other debris off your windshield and invest in a pair of good sunglasses. I prefer polarized sunglasses, which cut reflective glare, but any 100 percent UV filtered sunglasses will do.

Back to the rain and another lesson you truly learned the hard way. Even if you have the best tires on the market, do not underestimate the potentially disastrous effects of hydroplaning on wet roads. Hydroplaning is not just a marketing tool to sell tires. It is real, and it is terrifying, as I have experienced twice.

The first time was driving to an emergency call with lights and siren on, eastbound on Eisenhower at Boardwalk. I was approaching a red light and was braking for the intersection, and there suddenly were no brakes. God, or the legion of guardian angels I have relied on for the past 30 years of police work, slid me through the intersection unscathed but with my heart hammering.

The second time hydroplaning reared its ugly head was on eastbound I-94, just past the Jackson Avenue bridge and curve. I was driving a police car way too fast for the torrential downpour I was caught in. I caught a semitruck and caused the wind coming off the front of the truck. I got a wiggle because I was hydroplaning.

The wiggle turned into a wobble as I tried to subtly steer, so as not to overcorrect into the path of the semi. All the while, I was sliding to my left and toward the cement median.

Once I hit the median, the damage had been done,



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Using your windshield wipers as ice scrapers can cause harm later in the spring when it rains.

and my only thought was not bouncing back across the road into the path of the truck.

So, borrowing on 40 some years of watching auto racing on television and at various tracks, I "kept it in the wall" and actually turned into the median.

I can report even in a torrential downpour when you start scraping metal on a cement median, it emits a spectacular pyrotechnic display. I grounded to a halt uninjured but felt really stupid.

That was the only chargeable crash I had had on the road in almost 27 years at the Ann Arbor Police Department — I did however scrape a pillar in the police garage as a rookie as well.

That crash was completely my fault and easily avoidable. I was driving too fast for conditions. Take a lesson from my buffoonery — slow down when roads are wet to avoid hydroplaning.

The other key to avoid hydroplaning is to make sure you have plenty of

tread on your tires. Tires are expensive, but just how much is your personal safety and that of your family worth? Consider the deductible on your insurance you also will save if you stay in control and can steer around a crash. Make sure you have good tires on your vehicle.

Let's enjoy the April showers of spring and stay safe. Slow down, don't drink and drive and always buckle up.

— Lock it up, don't leave it unattended, be aware and watch out for your neighbors.

County considers dental clinic for Medicaid patients

Washtenaw County Commissioners met April 2 to discuss proposal

BY AMY BIOLCHINI

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Washtenaw County's next move to help low-income individuals gain access to services might be in the form of a new dental clinic for individuals on Medicaid.

"We have met people who are ashamed to smile, and that's embarrassing. Their self-worth is lowered. Their ability to interact with people is diminished, and their ability to apply for a job is diminished," said Dick Fleece, director of Washtenaw County Public Health.

Less than one percent of the 300 dentists in Washtenaw County accept Medicaid patients because the reimbursement rate for dental care through the program is "disastrously low," Fleece said.

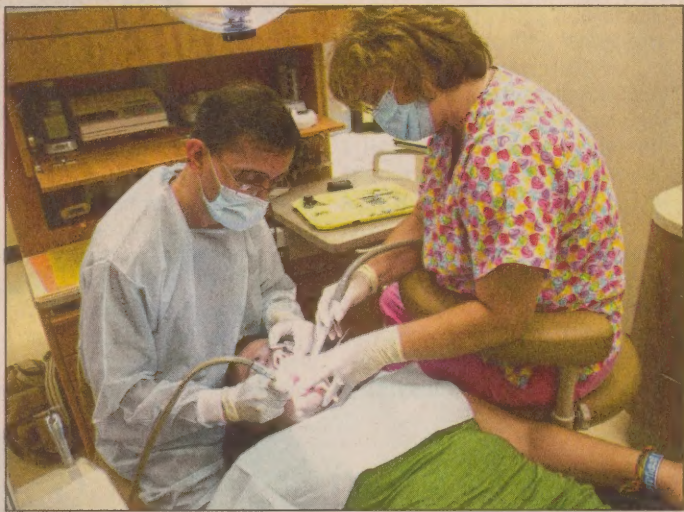
There are various free clinics in existence now — including Hope Clinic and the University of Michigan School of Dentistry's Community Dental Clinic — but there is a greater need for a clinic to provide dental services, Fleece said.

The initiative is one supported by County Administrator Verna McDaniel, who mentioned the dental clinic in December as a project she wanted to pursue this year.

Fleece and his staff in Washtenaw County Public Health, as well as staff from the University of Michigan's Dental Clinic, made the case for a dental clinic to county leaders at a working session of the Board of Commissioners on April 2.

Three out of the nine county commissioners attended the meeting: Felicia Brabec, D-Pittsfield Township; Andy LaBarre, D-Ann Arbor and Yousef Rabhi, D-Ann Arbor.

The reimbursement rate to dentists for care provided to Medicaid patients is much



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Stephanie Paraian, of Westland, gets dental work done at Ypsilanti's Hope Clinic.

lower than the reimbursement rate for care for patients covered by private insurance — which often deters dentists from accepting Medicaid patients, Fleece said.

"It's a real unmet need in this community," Fleece said.

The Hope Clinic serves about 1,400 patients per year and only sees patients without insurance.

The U-M Dental School sees fewer than 1,000 patients per year and has a limited range of services it can provide to patients, as its primary function is education.

About 20,000 Washtenaw County residents are on Medicaid with a dental benefit and have difficulty accessing services, Fleece said.

Additionally, there are 43,000 residents that don't have dental insurance.

Fleece said he had little experience running a dental clinic and proposed to county leaders a separate organization run it: Michigan Community Dental Clinics Inc., a nonprofit company that runs dental clinics for 22 health departments in the state.

Fleece invited the executive director of Michigan Community Dental Clinics, Dr. Tom Verryser, to speak before the county commissioners at the April 2 meeting.

Patients coming in to

Medicaid clinics have more severe dental problems than those that go to private practitioners and require extensive treatment, Verryser said.

Fleece said he didn't think there would be enough "benevolent funders" to support the construction and start-up costs of the clinic and that it likely would require the full faith and credit of the county to make it happen.

"It would be wonderful if we had a benevolent donor," LaBarre said. "I think this is a worthy endeavor to consider bonding for."

The county's initial investment would be about \$1 million to build the clinic, which could be paid back over 10 to 20 years, Fleece said, floating the idea of building a 12-bed building and initially filling it with eight beds.

The clinic would need to be associated with the local health department to be eligible for a higher reimbursement rate for dental services through the Medicaid program.

"If we could get the support of the board and get financing and find a spot, we could have it open ... before the end of 2014," Fleece said.

After the presentation by Fleece, McDaniel directed her staff to form a task force to further pursue the logistics to creating a dental clinic.

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Developers eyeing riverfront MichCon site

BY RYAN STANTON
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DTE Energy says it's gotten a strong response from developers interested in building a mixed-use project on the riverfront MichCon site it owns in Ann Arbor.

"We've received several responses to our request for information regarding development of the site," said Randi Berris, a DTE spokeswoman.

"It's an interesting mix of proposals. They all include some sort of mixed use, as well as green space," she said. "Restaurants and office space and retail are in some of them."

A proposal from Ann Arbor developer Peter Allen is among those under consideration. Allen said he's reserving comment on the specifics of his team's proposal at this point, but he called it a "very ambitious plan" that is both environmentally sensitive and market sensitive.

"We followed the specs of the RFI very carefully and went beyond," Allen said, acknowledging it includes everything DTE asked for — restaurant, retail, office and residential uses, along with open space.

DTE recently completed an environmental cleanup on the site along the Huron River, and it has indicated a willingness to set aside a portion of the land for public open space.

A city task force is starting to form a conceptual plan for a new riverside park there, possibly including a new canoe livery.

DTE also has asked interested developers to submit ideas for developing part of the site, so it's possible a mix of uses could share the property — some public, some private.

DTE isn't giving details at this point on the exact number of responses it received or specifics about what's being proposed.

However, it has expressed interest in a development that

could include restaurant, retail, residential, commercial office space and medical office uses.

Its stated goal is to bring about a first-class, mixed-use development capitalizing on the unique features of the riverside property, and incorporating significant green space open to the public.

If his vision comes to fruition, Allen said, it would connect the city and neighborhoods to the riverfront in a "glorious fashion." He said he doesn't see the additional environmental cleanup work that's still needed as any kind of financial or logistical hurdle, but rather an opportunity.

"We want to create a wonderful riverfront front door that's as significant as the Diag is to campus," he said of the site, which is a stone's throw from properties he owns on North Main.

"I've been in love with the property for 25 years, passionate about seeing something grand happen on it," Allen added.

Still looking at options

Berris said DTE still is reviewing the responses that came in from developers. She said she expects to have more information to share in the coming months.

At this point, they're not formal proposals — only initial responses from developers regarding what they could do with the site if given the opportunity, Berris said.

Ronald Mucha, a senior vice president and principal of Morningside Equities Group, which has offices in Ann Arbor, said his firm submitted a proposal, but it's too early to comment.

Another firm rumored to have submitted a proposal to DTE is Farmington Hills-based Grand Sakwa Properties LLC, though company officials couldn't be reached for comment.

John Drain, a commercial

real estate analyst at the RED-ICO real estate firm in Southfield, said his firm submitted a proposal with Ann Arbor-based architecture firm Hobbs & Black.

Drain didn't give specific details, but he said their proposal envisions the kind of mixed-use development DTE asked for in its request.

A valuable site

"We hope DTE takes it into consideration and we can keep talking," Drain said. "We really tried to consider the context and do something the market will support, so we tried to be realistic and be considerate of the ecology of the site and the amenity value of it."

Allen's team includes several local names, including landscape architecture firm Johnson Hill, engineering firm Nederveld Associates Inc., and ASTI Environmental.

He also is partnering with Fred Kent, of Project for Public Spaces, and restaurateurs Jon Carlson and Greg Lobdell.

Carlson and Lobdell are the faces behind a half dozen restaurant and bar establishments in downtown Ann Arbor, including Blue Tractor, Cafe Habana, Lena, Jolly Pumpkin, Grizzly Peak and Mash. They also own a handful of restaurants in Royal Oak and Traverse City.

Allen said Peter Pollack, an accomplished landscape architect from Ann Arbor who passed away in 2010, was instrumental in helping him understand the site's potential. Some have suggested naming a future riverfront park on the MichCon site in Pollack's honor.

Drain, who went to the University of Michigan and lived in the Kerrytown neighborhood, said he's walked by the MichCon site many times and also sees its potential.

"I like the Argo Pond and the trails down there," he said. "It's a really nice area. Whoever



The MichCon site along the Huron River in Ann Arbor as viewed from the Broadway bridges last May. It's now being eyed by developers for a potential redevelopment project.

builds something at the site needs to be sensitive to the character of the place."

The MichCon site encompasses about 14.2 acres along the Huron River at 841 Broadway St. The site is located in a mixed-use area and is zoned for light industrial use.

The site includes a western parcel that is generally grassy and undeveloped, while a large portion of the eastern parcel is paved.

The eastern parcel was used until 2009 as a service dispatching center for DTE Gas and was historically used as a manufactured gas plant.

The Huron River bounds the site to the north/northeast, an Amtrak train station is located south/southwest of the site, and Broadway Street is east of the site.

Berris said DTE remains committed to having "significant green space" on the site, and all of the initial submittals did include "a good amount of green space."

Whether that space is created through a private development effort or some other means is still being discussed. DTE has asked for creative financing strategies using public and private funding.

The remediation work recently done along the river's edge didn't address contamination elsewhere on the property. For instance, there are cyanide-contaminated soils on the western portion of the property. That might require additional cleanup depending on the future use of that area.

DTE officials said the additional remediation work likely would be performed as part of the redevelopment phase during site preparation activities.

Allen said DTE did a great job of tapping the private sector to spend time and money analyzing the site to understand the problems and opportunities associated with it.

As for what happens next, "It's up to them. They own the land. They're in control," he said.

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Commission critiques Menards site plan

Scio Township Planning committee gives input on company project

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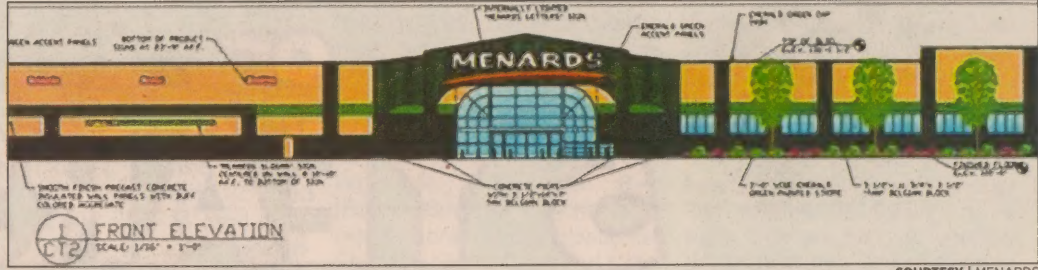
Scio Township Planning Commissioners weighed in Monday night on a site plan proposal for a Menards store on the corner of Jackson and Staebler roads.

The Wisconsin-based home improvement chain intends to purchase 62 acres of the 165-acre site known as the former Farmer Grant property. A roughly 160,000-square-foot Menards store and lumberyard would occupy about one third of the purchased site, leaving room for additional outlot development surrounding the store.

"We're really looking forward to your support and getting going with the project," Menards spokesman Tom O'Neil told commissioners Monday.

Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the plan, subject to several revisions.

Menards has to resubmit the plan, and then the Scio



The front elevation rendering of the proposed Menards building in Scio Township. Only a portion of the store is shown.

Township's Board of Trustees will consider it in the coming weeks.

Menards was granted a property rezoning and a conditional use permit in 2012. Site plan approval is the final hurdle before the company can move forward with the project.

"It's getting pretty solid looking," Commissioner Allison Arscott said Monday night.

The commissioners did raise a few issues with the site plan, including whether a public easement could be provided along Honey Creek and whether the parking is effectively configured.

The site plan shows the Menards store would be set back from Jackson Road, with a parking lot in the front and a warehouse behind the store. The company could then sell four outlot properties.

Plans include two access ways off Jackson Road and one off Staebler. A traffic light is proposed at the westernmost access way on Jackson.

Menards has provided about 450 parking spaces in the plans, but 618 are required under township ordinance.

O'Neil said Menards is confident in the amount of parking provided, and cited several similar Michigan and Ohio Menards stores with the same amount of parking it's proposing at the Scio Township site.

"I think the final number that we're going to provide is a little bit in flux. We're going to make some additional change," O'Neil said Tuesday.

Arscott said she was happy with the amount of parking provided but suggested including a landscape island that would

separate the western access drive and the parking area.

"The parking, I'm fine with," she said. "The less you think you can get away with, I'm all for it."

Commissioner Jack Knowles suggested Menards and the township draft some sort of development agreement or binding document that would address a public easement along Honey Creek.

Arscott added: "I'd like some kind of language that keeps that possibility open."

When Menards resubmits its site plan, O'Neil said the company does intend to provide an agreement for a north-south crossing of Honey Creek that could eventually lead to a pedestrian walkway on the south side. He said the new plan also will address concerns about a landscape island.



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Above, members of the Michigan basketball team give freshman Spike Albrecht a standing ovation.

At right, Michigan senior Matt Vogrich walks down an aisle at Crisler Arena on Tuesday during a homecoming rally to celebrate the basketball team's tournament run to the National Championship game for the first time since 1993.

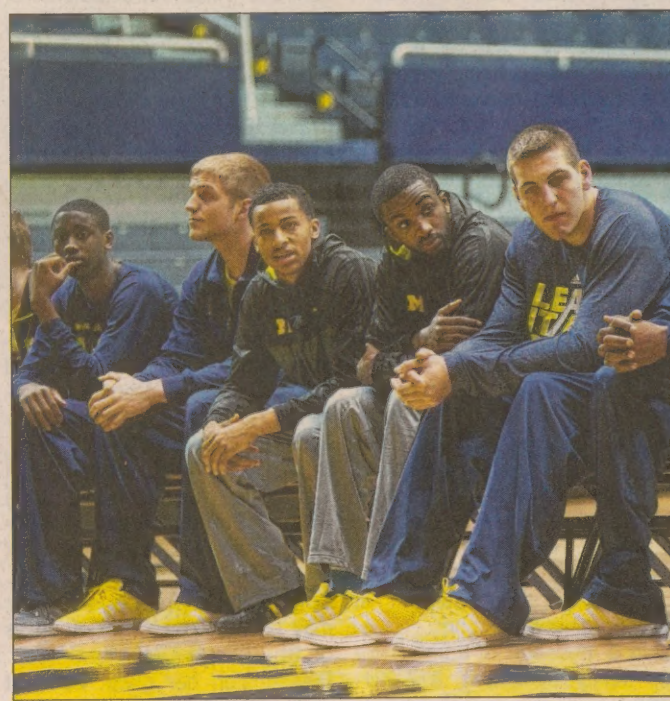
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Below, Michigan assistant coach Jeff Meyer speaks to a crowd of fans. A young Michigan fan, at left, walks into the aisle and waits for the basketball team to arrive on Tuesday.



At left, Michigan junior Jordan Morgan walks down an aisle and receives congratulations from fans at Crisler Arena. Below, part of the Michigan basketball team listens to coaches talk to a crowd at the welcome home party Tuesday.



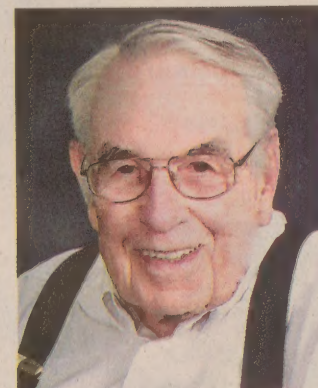
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HANN (BOMBRYCH), MARIANNA
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Marianna Hann, age 83, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, passed away at her home Friday, April 5th, 2013 under the loving care of her husband of 56 years, Matthew; her caregiver, Dawn and the nurses of Great Lake Caring Hospice. Marianna was born in Sochaczew, Poland on December 28, 1929 the youngest daughter of Jozef and Stefania (Kossowska) Bombrych. She met her future husband in Warsaw while attending the Academy of Fine Arts. They were married in June of 1957. In 1965, the Hann family emigrated to the United State to seek refuge from the Communist regime occupying Poland and settled in Ann Arbor. Marianna is survived by her husband, Wieslaw Matthew Hann; and by her three children and grandson, Robert Maciej Hann; his wife, Violet and their son Jakub of Schenectady, NY; Christopher Arthur Hann, his wife Bernadette and soon to be born granddaughter of Chicago, IL; Renata Stela Hann Ellison and her husband Bill Ellison of Chicago, IL. A visitation will be held Thursday, April 11, from 6-8 P.M. at the Muehlig Funeral Chapel, 403 Fourth Ave, Ann Arbor. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, April 12 at 10 A.M. (preceded by a brief viewing at 9 A.M.) at St. Mary Student Parish, 331 Thompson Street, Ann Arbor, with Rev Daniel T. Reim officiating. Burial will follow at ArborCrest Memorial Park, 2521 Glazier Way, Ann Arbor. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Research Foundation. For more information or to leave a memory, please visit Marianna's personal webpage at www.muehligannarbor.com.



IVEY, WILLIAM JOHN "BILL"

William John Ivey "Bill", age 86, passed away April 5, 2013 in Ann Arbor after a long debilitating illness. He was born October 30, 1926 in Detroit to William and Loveday (Keast) Ivey. In 1947 he married Milicent Kaczor who preceded him in death in 1976. In 1980 he married Suzanne Lewis Ivey and she survives. He is also survived by three sons, James (Jeff) of Atlanta, Georgia, Howe Stidger (Jamie) of Kaaawa, Hawaii, and Geoffrey Stidger (Gina) of Eagle Creek, Oregon; and four granddaughters, Casey Day, Madison Perren and Jasmine and Jessenia Stidger. He is also survived by one brother, Sam Ivey of Eagle Creek, Oregon; and one sister-in-law, Marge (Jay) Gehring; and many nephews and nieces. Bill graduated from Henry Ford Trade School and served in the Navy in the Pacific in WWII. He retired from working at Ford for 35 years in the Research and Development in Dearborn, Michigan. A long time member of the Dexter United Methodist Church, he was involved in many church related activities and was a member of the "Dirty Dozen" a group of retired men who renovated the Newkirk Boy Scout Camp Lodge and grounds into the present Dexter United Methodist Church campus. Other volunteer activities included working at Wilnot House, on the University of Michigan Hospital campus, aiding families from out of the area who were receiving cancer treatment as out patients and volunteering at the Hudson Mills Golf Course. Bill enjoyed camping, hiking, golf, traveling, reading "Westerns" and being on his tractor mowing in the spring, summer and fall. A special thanks goes to Home Instead Senior Care and his faithful caregiver, Dan Tidswell. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Sunday, April 14 at the Dexter United Methodist Church at 2:00 PM. Memorial visitation at 1:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dexter United Methodist Church. Please leave a message of comfort to Bill's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guestbook at www.borekjenning.com.

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FRASER, WILLIAM C.

William C. Fraser, age 87 passed away peacefully on April 5, 2013 at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor. Bill "Red" Fraser was born in Ann Arbor on August 8, 1925, the son of Winifred Harvey and William A. Fraser. Bill attended St. Thomas school in Ann Arbor until he joined the Navy and fought in World War II as a Boson Mate 2nd Class. Bill returned and graduated from Ann Arbor High School and then attended Hillsdale College where he also played baseball and football. Bill married the love of his life Joanne Howarth in 1950. Bill's working career included Vernor's Ginger Ale, and finally in 1962 as the original owner of Fraser's Pub. The Pub was a family business that he and Joanne worked diligently and countless hours together. Bill felt a "Grand Opening" event was not necessary as he knew his friends and the path to success would follow him. In the early years of the Pub, Bill enjoyed working daily with his daughter Jan and their special relationship is evident by the successful business foundation they created. Throughout the years at the Pub, Bill could be seen at the corner of the bar talking sports while providing everlasting memories for all who had the privilege of knowing him as he provided his gift of generosity and friendship. In impressive fashion, the Pub has passed the test of time and has evolved into an Ann Arbor icon. Bill loved sports and always claimed "I was the best first basemen in Ann Arbor". Bill enjoyed Michigan football as he was a season ticket holder for numerous years. Bill thoroughly enjoyed playing golf especially with his sons and always knew he would make that short putt because "the last time I missed a putt like this was when I was in 8th grade". One of Bill's passions during his retirement years was attending field hockey games as he closely followed his granddaughter's high school and college career. On one or more occasion he would assist the officials from the sidelines as what he thought the correct call on the field should be. Bill and Joanne belonged and were active members of Ann Arbor JCC's, The Elks Club 325, Ann Arbor Country Club, and the Inverness Golf Club. They both enjoyed playing cards and their retirement winters in Port Charlotte, Florida. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his brother James, brother-in-laws Robert Stricklen and Robert Yakley. Bill is survived by his beloved wife Joanne of 63 years, his sisters Helen Stricklen and Pat (Hans) Von Hofe, his loving children John (Kathy) Fraser, Jan (Doug Borgart) Baptist, Billy Fraser, and Becky (Gordie) Morris. Grandchildren Katie Morris, Erin Baptist, David and Shannon Fraser as well as many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank all our new friends at Synergy Home Care and Arbor Hospice that provided excellent care for Bill. There will be a funeral service at St. Thomas Church in Ann Arbor on Saturday, April 13th at 11:00 a.m. Cremation has taken place. The family will have a "Celebration of Red's Life" following the church service at IBEW 252 Hall, 7920 Jackson Road in Ann Arbor from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America, 18th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20077 or JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), 24359 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075.

BECK, ANNAMARY

Annamary Beck, 86, of Van Buren Twp, MI passed April 5, 2013 at St. Joseph Hospital. She was raised and went to school in Ohio and was the daughter of the late Hollis and Annabell (Cook) Sterrett. Survived by her husband Jim Beck, four children; Todd (Mary Anna) Beck of Moundsville, West Virginia, Michael (Janine) Beck of Atwater, OH, Jeffrey (Judy) Beck of Brighton, MI, Scott (Toni) Beck of Los Angeles, CA, eight grandchildren; Jeffrey (Heather) Beck, Amy Beck, Jared (Stephanie) Beck, April (Jeff) Markov, Richard (Sara) Beck, Simon Beck, Kristy Beck, Hollis Beck, eight great-grandchildren, and a sister Audrey Pittenger of Lisbon, Ohio. Annamary was one of the founding members of the Presbyterian Church in Belleville, MI. She was a first grade teacher for Van Buren Public schools for 22 years. She enjoyed driving the boys to Ohio to visit the family and taking the boys to and from concerts and sporting events they participated in. Visitation Friday, April 12th, 2-5 PM at David C. Brown Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, followed by a funeral on Saturday at 1 PM at Belleville Presbyterian Church, 11900 Belleville Rd., Belleville. Interment Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

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KEPPLER, FREDERICK MARTIN
Saline
Formerly of Ann Arbor

Frederick Martin Keppler, 96, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 8, 2013 with his family by his side. Frederick (Fred) was born on April 11, 1916 to William and Christine (Lutz) Keppler. On October 19, 1941 he married Lela Margaret Huss who preceded him in death on June 7, 2003 after 61 years of marriage. He was a veteran of WWII having served 4 1/2 years in the Army Infantry. Prior to military service he was employed by the Millard Press. After the service he was employed by Wanty Shoes for 17 years. Subsequently, he went to work for Washtenaw County in the Tax Description Dept. where he retired from in 1981 after 15 years. Fred was an active member of Bethlehem United Church of Christ having served as President of the Congregation, also a member of the Cemetery Board having served as its President several times. He is survived by his three children, Hugh (Victoria) Keppler, Mary (David) Normand, and Audrey Keppler; five grandchildren, eight great grandchildren; one sister, Fredda Clisham; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Jeffery; and two brothers, Elmer and Erwin. The family would like to thank the Brecon Angels for their loving care over the last few months. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 12, 2013 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. and 6:00-8:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline, MI. Private graveside services will be held at the Bethlehem Cemetery in Ann Arbor. Memorial services will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. at the Brecon Village Auditorium in Saline, MI with visitation to begin at 12:00 P.M., with Rev. Diane White, officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a contribution to the charity of your choice. To sign Fred's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbhfsaline.com.



BITTEN, MATHILDA "TILLIE"

Mathilda Bitten, age 86 of Brighton passed away April 7, 2013. She was born June 14, 1926 in Detroit a daughter of Albert and Anna (Jacques) Charron. On September 5, 1948 she married John Robert Bitten; he preceded her in death in 1999. Mrs. Bitten was a member of Brighton Senior Center, an avid golfer, loved playing cards, but most of all spending time with family and grandchildren. Mathilda was a homemaker that also worked in the lunchroom at Lindbom Elementary. Surviving are her children: Donna Hall, Julie (Christopher) Wendrick, Mary-Lou Kidwell, and John (Catherine) Bitten; six grandchildren: Todd, Scott, Jonathan (Erin), Ian (Lisa), Robert, and Reid; two great grandchildren: Matthew and Emma. She was preceded in death by six brothers and five sisters. Visitation will be held Friday, April 12, 2013 from 4-8 PM at the Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton (810-229-9871). Funeral Service Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 AM with the Rev. Carl F. Welser officiating. Memorial contributions suggested to the Brighton Historical Society, Livonia Goodfellows, or Brighton Senior Center. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Please visit Mathilda's Book of Memories at www.keehnfunderalhome.com



WIDMAYER, MAXINE RUTH

Maxine Ruth Widmayer, passed away on Sunday, April 07, 2013 in Tecumseh, MI after a short illness. She was born on September 5, 1928 in Manchester, Michigan. Her parents were LeRoy and Ethel (Ferguson) Heimerdinger. She attended Manchester schools and received her degree in Fashion and Merchandising from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI. After college she was a buyer for Jacobson's in Jackson Michigan. On June 5, 1949 she married Lyle Widmayer at Emanuel United Church of Christ in Manchester. She and Lyle lived in Manchester their entire life and were active members in the community. Maxine owned and operated The Town Laundry for 21 years. Maxine was an active member of Emanuel United Church of Christ, Emanuel Woman's Fellowship and Twentieth Century Club. She enjoyed playing cards and Bridge, bowling, dancing, gardening and being with her family and friends. Maxine is survived by her husband Lyle Widmayer, Daughter Beth (Robert) Smith of Manchester; 2 grandchildren, Granddaughter Christine (Josh) Curran of Cranford, NJ; Grandson Nathan (Heather) Smith of Manchester, MI and 1 great grandson, Jackson Smith also of Manchester; Sister, Nancy Pyzik of Adrian, MI. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, other family members and special friends. Maxine was preceded in death by her parent, daughter, Jane (Widmayer) Zilka; and her son-in-law Harold (Zeke) Zilka. Memorials may be donated in her name to Emanuel United Church of Christ in Manchester, Michigan, Dutchman's Firefighters Association or Hospice of Lenawee. A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 2 PM at Emanuel U.C.C. in Manchester, Michigan. The family will receive visitors at 12:30 PM until the service. The Rev. Marcia Meabon will officiate. Please sign Maxine's guestbook at www.borekjennings.com or leave a message of comfort for her family by calling 877-231-7900.

CHRISTIENSEN, MARY
Anchorage, AK
(formerly of Ypsilanti)

Mary Christiansen, age 55, passed away Monday April 1, 2013 of cancer in Anchorage. She was born August 18, 1957 in Ypsilanti, the daughter of Clifford and Mariam Christiansen. She graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1975 and Michigan State University in 1979, with a degree in criminal justice. On January 2, 1988, she married Rodrick Gonzales of Anchorage. She was preceded in death by her husband February 24, 2012, and her father Clifford. She is survived by her daughter, Noriko Gonzales and her son, Maximino Gonzales, both of Anchorage, her brother, Charles of Pinckney and her mother, Mariam of Ypsilanti. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

ST. ONGE, ARLENE
Saline, MI

Arlene June "AJ" St. Onge of Saline, died on Friday, April 5, 2013, at the Evangelical Home in Saline. She was born June 17, 1930 in Detroit, MI to Frank and Gertrude Landberg. She was a graduate of Adrian High School and Michigan State Normal College (Eastern Michigan). She was a public school teacher in Port Huron and Crosswell-Lexington Schools for many years. She was a resident of Saline since the 1970s and was active in the Saline Community Hospital Auxiliary. She was an avid golfer and spent many happy hours tending to her gardens. She is survived by her son, Jeffrey (Danielle) Gauntlett of Grass Lake; and daughter, Barbara (Rick) Radloff of Saline; four grandchildren, Melissa (Joshua) Reeves of Saline, Laura (Phil) LeVasseur of Canton, Joshua Gauntlett, Matthew Gauntlett; four great-grandchildren, Noah, Benjamin and Luke Reeves and Audrey LeVasseur; and brother Daniel (Shirley) Landberg of Tampa Florida. Cremation has taken place. Memorial contributions may be made to the Evangelical Home of Saline.

WOODRUFF, CONNIE ANN
Chelsea, MI

Age 53, passed away Monday, April 8, 2013 at home after a courageous fight with cancer, surrounded by her loving family. She was born June 13, 1959 in Saginaw, MI, to Fred and Patricia (Schnepf) Birnbaum. On August 7, 1982, she married Christopher Woodruff in Saginaw and he survives. Connie was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter and was a realtor in the Ann Arbor area for over twenty years. Connie lived life to the fullest and was a loving wife, mother, and friend to all. She was kind hearted, wrapped with energy and capable of lighting up a room with laughter. In addition to her devoted husband Chris of 30 years, she is survived by a daughter, Emily of Lansing, a son, Lee (Amanda) of Baltimore, MD; mother, Patricia (Dick) Redifer of Freeland, MI; father, Fred (Jan) Birnbaum of Linwood, MI; one sister, Beth (Dave) Blank of Saginaw, two brothers, Mark (Suzanne) Birnbaum of Linwood and Steve (Jennifer) Birnbaum of Freeland; several nieces and nephews and her adorable sidekick, Lucy. Visitation will be held at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea on Thursday from 2-8pm where a vigil will be held at 7:00pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be prayed at the new St. Joseph Church, 6805 Mast Rd., Dexter, 11:00am. Friday, April 12, 2013 (visitation at 10am) with Fr. Brendan Walsh officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove East Cemetery, Chelsea. Contributions in her memory may be made to Arbor Hospice or St. Joseph Catholic Church. Please sign her guest book at www.ochalekstark.com.

HULL, DOUGLAS R. JR.
Ypsilanti Twp., MI
Age 35

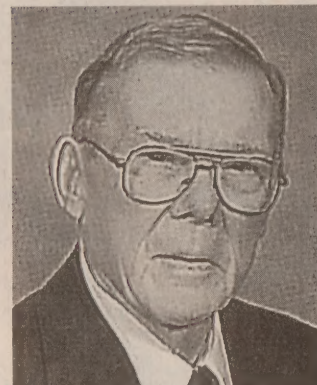
Douglas R. Hull Jr. went to be with the Lord on April 6, 2013. He is the son of Debra (Roger) Bauer of Wayne, MI and Douglas (Mary) Hull of Barre, VT. Doug will always be remembered for his love of animals, country music, watching movies, hunting, camping with his cousin Dwayne, watching football and Red Wings hockey, and enjoying a cup of Tim Hortons coffee. Doug loved being with his family and never missed a family gathering. In addition to his parents, he is lovingly survived by his sister, Aren (Todd) Harkness of Tecumseh, MI; paternal grandmother, Barbara Hull of Middlesex, VT.; step-sisters: Laura Bauer of Gregory, MI and Jaime Bauer of Ypsilanti; step-brother, Ryan Aldrich of New York City, N.Y., and step-sister, Allison (Keith) Plante of Barre, VT; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Myers and Elva Buska and paternal grandfather, George Hull. Funeral service will be celebrated on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. at Victorious Life Church of God, 860 E. Clark Rd., Ypsilanti with Pastor Larry Anderson officiating. Cremation will follow. Contributions in Doug's memory may be made to the Huron Valley Humane Society. Envelopes will be available at the Church where the family will receive friends on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until time of service or by contacting Janowiak Funeral Home. Please sign his guestbook at www.janowiakfuneralhome.com "Where Families Come First"

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Dexter, MI

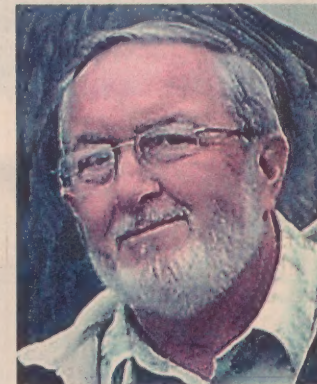
Madonna Helen Ruhlig, age 89, died Friday, April 5, 2013 at Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born June 4, 1923 in Monroe, Michigan, the daughter of Paul A. and Minnie C. (Muehleisen) Guhl. Madonna was employed at Monroe State Savings Bank from 1940 to 1948. She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Chelsea, where she was a past Sunday School Teacher and Junior Bible Class Leader. Madonna was a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League since 1952 and served as Michigan President, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. She served on several Boards and Committees of the Synodical and Michigan District Lutheran Church. Madonna was a member of the Board of Regents of Concordia College, Ann Arbor, from 1982 to 1991, and served as Vice-President and President of the Board. She was the recipient of the Christus Primus Award from Concordia College (now Concordia University) in 1975. She had previously been active in Farm Bureau Women, Washtenaw Women's Extension, and the Republican County Committee. She was a member of the Dexter Antiquarians. Madonna enjoyed genealogy and was the family historian. On April 17, 1948, she married Albert F. Ruhlig at Trinity Lutheran Church in Monroe, Michigan, and he survives. Other survivors include three sons, Mark (Marcia) Ruhlig of Sharpville, IN, John Ruhlig of Chelsea, and David (Lori) Ruhlig of Dexter; eight grandchildren, David (Kristen), Clare, Aaron, Betsy, Brian, and Scott Ruhlig, Roman (Mila) Kisz and Kasie (Ryan) Cousino; two great-grandchildren, Hunter Ruhlig and Avery Cousino; a sister, Marian (Harold) McConnell of Monroe; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 16, 11:00 am at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Chelsea, with Rev. Dale Grimm officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove East Cemetery, Chelsea. The family will receive friends at Cole Funeral Chapel Sunday 12:30-6pm and at the church Tuesday on 10-11am. Memorial contributions may be made to Lutheran Women's Missionary League or Our Savior Lutheran Church.

PERLMAN, DAVID
Sept. 30, 1940-Feb. 8, 2013

A memorial and celebration of David Perlman's life will be held at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, 1 PM on Sunday, April 14

SQUIRES, JAY B.
Milan, Michigan

Age 88, died April 8, 2013. Born on June 9, 1924 to Jerome and Minnie (Smith) Squires. Jay graduated from Milan High School then served in the Navy. He owned and operated Cone Elevator in Milan, having worked with his father, wife, son-in-law and grandchildren. Jay was a member of the American Legion, Milan and supported various agricultural organizations, FFA, and 4-H throughout Monroe, Lenawee and Washtenaw Counties. Survivors include daughter, Trudy (John) Broadhurst, grandchildren Jay Broadhurst and Jenny (Scott) Heath, and six great grandchildren. Preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Margaret and a sister Dorothy Rottschaefer. Cremation has taken place. Family will receive friends at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, Milan, 4-8 PM Thursday, April 18th, where a memorial service will be held 11am, Friday. Burial at Marble Park Cemetery. Contributions Milan High School FFA. www.ochalekstark.com.

WINKLE, GLENN ARTHUR
Of Stockbridge, Michigan

Glenn Winkle passed away among family and friends Tuesday morning, April 9, 2013, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Born in Dexter, Michigan in 1943, he retired to Stockbridge 15 years ago, with over 30 years of service with the Ford-Saline plant and remained an active supporter of the UAW Local 892-Saline. Always on the go with the famous "Winkle Twinkle" in his eye, he loved people and people loved him as he was always putting the needs of others before his own. Glenn was happiest spending time with his children and grandchildren whether up north, attending sporting events, fishing, hunting, country western dancing, or travelling far and wide with family and very special friends. He leaves behind his loving wife of 49 years, Cecelia ("Cis"); devoted children, Lizz (Ron) Leszczynski, Barb (Jeff) Savery, Dewey (Jamie) Winkle, and Mark Winkle; grandchildren, Zach Leszczynski, Austin Winkle, Kolten and Emile Savery; siblings, Rosemarie (Leonard) Devlin, Larry (Sandy) Winkle, and Dallas (Marilyn) Winkle; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Bill (Topper) Maloney, Pat (Tom) Rayer, Chris (Patrick) Mattie, and Joe Maloney (Chris Harrington); numerous cousins, nieces and nephews as well as his constant companion, yellow lab "Banna Banna White-Winkle" - his "Bow Wow". His parents, Ann and Dewey Winkle, and parents-in-law, Faye and Mick Maloney, have preceded him in death. Services will be held on Saturday, April 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, 901 N. Main St., Chelsea, with Rev. Kathy Schell officiating. Private interment will take place at a later date. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 6-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

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Budget cuts ground Air Force aircraft

NORFOLK, Va. — A top general said federal budget cuts that will ground one-third of the U.S. Air Force's active-duty force of combat planes, including fighters and bombers, means "accepting the risk that combat airpower may not be ready to respond immediately to new contingencies as they occur." Gen. Mike Hostage, commander of Air Combat Command at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Virginia, issued the warning Tuesday as the Pentagon braces for more effects of the automatic spending cuts triggered by the lack of a budget agreement in Washington. Hostage said only the units preparing to deploy to major operations, such as the war in Afghanistan, will remain mission-ready.

NTSB: Pilot's texting contributed to crash

WASHINGTON — Federal accident investigators said Tuesday that texting by the pilot of a medical helicopter contributed to a crash that killed four people, and they issued a safety alert cautioning pilots against use of cellphones and other distracting devices during "safety-critical" operations on the ground and in flight. The five-member National Transportation Safety Board unanimously agreed that the crash was caused by a distracted and fatigued pilot who skipped preflight safety checks that would have revealed the helicopter was low on fuel and then, after discovering his situation, decided to proceed with the fatal last leg of the flight. The helicopter crashed into a farm field on Aug. 26, 2011, near Mosby, Mo., a little over a mile short of an airport where the pilot planned to refuel. The pilot, a patient being transported from one hospital to another, a flight nurse and a flight paramedic were killed.

WORLD

Couple accused of kidnapping are in jail

HAVANA — A Florida couple accused of kidnapping their two young sons and fleeing by boat to Havana were handed over to the United States and were booked into a Florida jail, officials said Wednesday. Joshua Michael Hakken and his wife, Sharyn, are being held at the jail early Wednesday on a number of charges including kidnapping, child neglect and interference with custody, according to a website for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. U.S. authorities say Hakken kidnapped his sons, 4-year-old Cole and 2-year-old Chase, from his mother-in-law's house north of Tampa, Florida. The boys' maternal grandparents had been granted permanent custody last week. U.S. diplomats in Havana said early Wednesday the two children had left Cuba and "are safely on their way home."

Iran says 37 killed in earthquake

TEHRAN, Iran — A 6.1 magnitude earthquake killed at least 37 people and injured 850, state television reported Wednesday. Of the injured, 100 were admitted into hospitals.



Sens. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., left, and Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., walk in the Capitol on Tuesday after a meeting on gun control.

Background check deal brokered

CONSERVATIVES FROM BOTH PARTIES AGREE ON EXPANDED GUN CONTROL

BY ALAN FRAM
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Two key senators have reached a bipartisan deal on expanding background checks to more gun buyers, a Senate aide and lobbyist said Wednesday, an agreement that could build support for President Barack Obama's drive to curb firearms violence in the wake of the elementary school shooting in Connecticut.

Sens. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Patrick Toomey, R-Pa., worked on the compromise, which was not released by press time.

Subjecting more firearms purchases to federal background checks has been the chief goal of Obama and gun control supporters, who promote the system as a way to prevent criminals and other potentially dangerous people from getting the weapons.

Meanwhile, the Senate is ready for an opening vote on restricting guns as Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., set a roll call for Thursday on starting consideration of the firearms legislation. The background check deal makes it

even likelier that Democrats will win enough Republican support to thwart an effort by conservatives and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., to block consideration from starting.

The background check deal would expand the system to cover all commercial sales, such as at gun shows and online. Records of the transactions would have to be kept by licensed gun dealers, the same system used currently.

Private transactions that are not for profit, such as those between relatives, would be exempt from background checks.

Currently, background checks are required only for sales through licensed gun dealers.

The aide and lobbyist spoke on condition of anonymity to describe private talks.

The administration was continuing its effort to pressure Congress on gun control Wednesday as first lady Michelle Obama planned to visit a Chicago high school where authorities say 29 current or former students have been shot in the past year. Eight of them died.

The background check deal and the Senate's scheduled threshold vote on the gun bill were a boost for advocates battling for firearms restrictions in the wake of December's shootings that killed 20 first-graders and six staffers at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn.

"I hope Republicans will stop trying to shut down debate and start engaging in the tough issues we were sent to Washington to tackle," Reid said.

Manchin and Toomey are among their parties' most conservative members and a deal could make it easier for some hesitant senators to support the background check measure, at least for now.

Even so, the ultimate fate of gun legislation remains unclear, clouded by opposition from many Republicans and moderate Democrats in the Democratic-led Senate and the Republican-run House. Many critics say the proposal would violate the Second Amendment right to bear arms and burden law-abiding gun owners.

"We should focus law enforcement resources on the bad guys," said Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas.

Some Republicans might

vote to begin debate on the legislation but eventually oppose the measure on final passage. Other parts of Obama's gun effort already seem likely to face defeat, including proposed bans on assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines.

The gun legislation Reid wants the Senate to debate would extend the background check requirement to nearly all gun sales. Reid would try to replace that language with the Manchin-Toomey compromise once debate begins, a move that would require a vote.

The overall gun bill also tightens federal laws against illegal gun sales and slightly increases federal aid for school safety.

Thirteen conservatives have signed a letter saying they will block consideration of the measure, and McConnell said he will back that move. That will force Democrats to round up 60 votes to overcome the conservatives.

At least eight Republicans have said they want to begin debate or have indicated a willingness to consider it, a number that would be expected to grow if the background check agreement proves successful.

Obama sends Congress \$3.8 trillion spending plan

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama sent Congress a \$3.8 trillion spending blueprint on Wednesday that strives to achieve a "grand bargain" to tame runaway deficits, raising taxes on the wealthy and trimming popular benefit programs, including Social Security and Medicare.

The president's budget projects deficit reductions of \$1.8 trillion over the next decade, achieved with higher taxes, reductions in payments to Medicare providers and cutbacks in the cost-of-living adjustments paid to millions of recipients in Social Security and other government programs.

The budget would nearly double the federal tax on cigarettes to \$1.95 per pack. That money would fund a pre-school program for 4-year-olds.

The president's proposed spending for the 2014 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, would rise 2.5 percent from this year.

The budget projects a deficit for the current year of \$973 billion, falling to \$744 billion in 2014. Those would be the first deficits below \$1 trillion since 2008. Even with the president's deficit reductions, the budget projects the red ink would total \$5.3 trillion over the next 10 years.

The plan includes a compromise proposal Obama offered to House Speaker John Boehner during "fiscal cliff" negotiations in December. Boehner walked away from those talks because of his objections to raising taxes on the wealthy.

By including proposals to trim Social Security and Medicare, the government's two biggest benefit programs, Obama is hoping to entice Republicans to consider tax increases.

"I have already met Republicans more than halfway, so in the coming days and weeks I hope that Republicans will come forward and demonstrate that they're really as serious about the deficit and debt as they claim to be," Obama said.

No panic in N. Korea despite missile talk

Pyongyang more concerned about beautifying city for celebration

BY JEAN H. LEE
AND HYUNG-JIN KIM
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PYONGYANG, North Korea — The prospect of a North Korean missile test is "considerably high," South Korea's foreign minister told lawmakers Wednesday as Pyongyang calmly prepared to mark the April 15 birthday of its founder, historically a time when it seeks to draw the world's attention with dramatic displays of military power.

The missile is expected to have a medium range, or about 2,180 miles, which would allow it to fly over Japan, Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se told lawmakers in Seoul. Earlier, a Defense Ministry official said preparations appeared to be complete, and the launch could take place at any time.

Yun said Seoul was bracing

for the test-fire of a ballistic missile dubbed "Musudan" by foreign experts after the name of the northeastern village where North Korea has a launch pad. Experts said the Musudan is mainly designed to reach the U.S. territory of Guam though it also can place U.S. military installations in Japan in its striking range.

North Korean officials have not announced plans to launch a missile, but have told foreign diplomats in Pyongyang they will not be able to guarantee their safety starting Wednesday. Officials also have urged tourists in South Korea to take cover, warning that a nuclear war is imminent. However, most diplomats and foreign residents appeared to be staying put.

The threats are largely seen as rhetoric and an attempt by North Korea to scare foreigners into pressing their governments to pressure Washington and Seoul to change their policies toward Pyongyang, as well as to boost the military credentials of North Korea's young leader, Kim Jong Un. North Korea does not have diplomatic relations with the U.S. and South Korea, its foes during the



A North Korean soldier stands in front of the country's Unha-3 rocket, slated for liftoff between Friday and Tuesday, at a launch site in Tongchang-ri, North Korea.

Korean War of the 1950s.

On the streets of Pyongyang, the focus was less on preparing for war and more on beautifying the city ahead of the nation's biggest holiday. Soldiers laid blankets of sod to liven up a city still coming out of a long, cold winter; gardeners got down on their knees to plant flowers and trees, and students marched off to school — ordinary springtime activities belying the high tensions.

Downtown, schoolchildren headed toward the towering statues of the two late leaders, Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, dragging brooms behind them. The brooms are used to sweep the plaza where the bronze statues stand on a hilltop overlooking Pyongyang. A group of women with coats thrown over traditional dresses rushed through the spring chill after leaving a rehearsal for a dance set to take place for Kim Il

Sung's birthday celebrations.

At the base of Mansu Hill, a group of young people held a small rally to pledge their loyalty to Kim Jong Un and to sing the Kim ode "We Will Defend the Marshal With Our Lives."

Kim Un Chol, the 40-year-old head of a political unit at Pyongyang's tobacco factory, said he had been discharged from the military but was willing to re-enlist if war breaks out.

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GOP chairman's brother wins ruling

TRAVERSE CITY — A new law prevents a bank from collecting more than \$2 million from the brother of the chairman of the Michigan Republican Party in a real estate dispute near Traverse City. The Michigan appeals court said Wells Fargo can't pursue David Schostak after the Republican-controlled Legislature last year passed a law that sets new rules for commercial loans. He's the brother of GOP leader Bobby Schostak. A judge ruled David Schostak was personally responsible for an amount owed on a Garfield Township shopping center when it defaulted on a mortgage. Cherryland Center is affiliated with Schostak Bros., a family-owned development company.

Man settles case with Detroit pension funds

DETROIT — A businessman has agreed to pay \$4 million to settle a lawsuit with Detroit's pension funds over a loan to his freight airline. Donald Watkins, of Birmingham, Ala., claimed his relationship with pension officials soured after he refused to give financial support to former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. Watkins was sued in 2008 after the pension funds said he missed a loan payment and broke other agreements. Watkins has four years to pay \$4 million.

Authorities: 1 dead in Southfield apartment fire

SOUTHFIELD — Authorities say a 61-year-old woman is dead after a fire at a suburban Detroit apartment complex. Linda Ferguson died following the fire Tuesday night in the first floor of the Chateau Riviera apartments in Southfield. Battalion Chief Michael Duff said crews arrived about 9 p.m. to put out the flames.

Battle Creek police said officer drunk on the job

BATTLE CREEK — A Battle Creek police officer is facing two misdemeanors after investigators determined she was drunk while working. Jennifer Appl was arraigned Tuesday on charges of driving under the influence of liquor and possession of a firearm while intoxicated. Appl told Calhoun County District Court Judge John Holmes she wanted to stand mute until she's able to meet with an attorney. Holmes entered a not guilty plea for her, and Appl said she was requesting a jury if the case goes to trial. Appl is on paid administrative leave while the department conducts an internal investigation.

IDs released of 2 dead in suspected murder-suicide

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP — The identities of a married couple found dead in suburban Detroit in what investigators say is a suspected murder-suicide have been released. Police on Monday night found the bodies at a home in Oakland County's White Lake Township following reports of gunfire. Jason Handy, 37, is suspected of shooting Lorian Handy, 33, before killing himself. Police say Lorian Handy's 8-year-old son was home at the time and reported the shooting to a neighbor. A handgun was found at the scene.

Snyder: Roads first, then Medicaid

GOVERNOR ASKS WARY LAWMAKERS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS

BY JONATHAN OOSTING
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LANSING — Gov. Rick Snyder plans to step up his push to increase road funding and expand Medicaid despite early opposition within his own party and initial budget bills that do not reflect either policy proposal.

Snyder said this week that roads and Medicaid — in that order — remain his top priorities as lawmakers work to complete a budget by June. The first-term Republican has established his public sales pitch, but he acknowledged a personal touch may be key to winning votes.

"We've been making the rounds and we're going to continue making the rounds," Snyder said when asked what more he could do to convince reluctant lawmakers on the benefits of expanding Medicaid. "I think you'll see an increased activity from what we've had, though."

We are going to step up activity in terms of having those discussions, because Medicaid expansion is a good thing for Michiganders."

Medicaid and roads may be two of Snyder's biggest legislative challenges since his failed attempt to win approval for a new international bridge connecting Detroit and Windsor. In that case, he ultimately bypassed the Legislature to strike a deal with Canada, but he does not have that option now.

As behind-the-scenes discussions continue, Snyder said he willing to look at tying Medicaid expansion to increased patient copays, which could help convince some conservatives of growing entitlement programs without promoting personal responsibility.



Rick Snyder

Supporters say that expanding Medicaid eligibility to 133 percent of the federal poverty level as intended under the Affordable Care Act will benefit the state and its most vulnerable residents. The governor's executive budget proposal indicates that the expansion would help 320,000 uninsured residents in the first year alone.

The federal government has pledged to cover the full costs of expansion through 2016 before gradually reducing funding to 90 percent by 2020. As a result, the state could reduce Medicaid general fund spending by \$206 million next year, according to Snyder, who wants to deposit half of that amount into a health care savings fund to mitigate future risk.

Democrats favor the expansion, but many Republicans remain wary of any association with "Obamacare." State Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton, who also opposed the governor's proposal to partner with

the federal government on an online health insurance marketplace, does not trust the long-term cost assumptions of the federal health care law.

"We've done a really good job of being disciplined with finances in Michigan, but Medicaid expansion would take all of the problems the feds have with entitlement programs and give them to the states to handle," he said. "I don't think it's sustainable. It's a bait and switch with the federal government — they give you a couple carrots up front and then pull them away."

The governor also remains open to various road funding ideas, but he said this week that there is no leading alternative to his original proposal to increase fuel taxes and registration fees.

Snyder is seeking \$1.2 billion a year in additional funding for Michigan roads. By spending \$12 billion over the next decade, he has said, the state can create jobs while avoiding

a precipitous decline in road quality that would result in a \$25 billion repair bill.

Republican lawmakers have proposed various funding options, including a sales tax increase, but have yet to rally around a single plan. Some have expressed a reluctance to raise taxes but believe the state could find savings in other areas of the budget.

Democrats also have signaled opposition to any "regressive" tax increase, and their support could be critical for any road funding plan. MIRS reports that Snyder met last month with Rep. Marilyn Lane, of Roseville, the lead Democrat on the House Transportation Committee, to hear her funding ideas.

"I've never been known as being a great horse trader," the governor said when asked about the potential for a legislative trade-off with Democrats. "I wouldn't call it horse trading. How broad is the package?"

Lawmakers far apart on cutting caseworkers

BY DAVID EGGERT
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANSING — Republican lawmakers on Tuesday approved vastly different plans to fund public assistance for the poor and protect children from abuse and neglect, with a House panel voting to cut more than 1,000 state jobs, or nearly 9 percent, from the Michigan agency that handles welfare, food stamps and foster care.

A Senate subcommittee later approved a Department of Human Services budget with 270 fewer funded positions than in the current fiscal year. That version is closer to Gov. Rick Snyder's proposal — which would trim about 30 jobs — and the Senate's job reductions in the child protective services division would not happen if the state has trouble meeting caseload-to-staff ratios required under a court-ordered mandate.

Differences must be resolved after the spending plans clear the full House and Senate and before lawmakers' June deadline to pass the next state budget.

"This is a pretty hard body blow when we've made significant

inroads here over the last couple years across all programs and platforms of this agency," DHS spokesman Dave Akerly said of the House budget. "We don't feel that it's in any way, shape or form a realistic budget."

Three juvenile justice facilities also would close and the youth offenders sent to private facilities under the House plan, which is in stark contrast to what the Republican governor proposed. The proposal drew criticism from Democrats who said caseloads would rise 7 percent for already stressed workers and warned the budget would hamper Michigan's ability to comply with a legal settlement mandating that it improve conditions for children needing foster care and protective services.

"We cannot afford to have any more children under our care killed or abused or neglected. It's our responsibility as a state," said Rep. Rashida Tlaib, a Detroit Democrat.

The cuts to the 12,000-worker agency are needed because Republicans will not support Snyder's call for a surcharge on all power bills to cover emergency energy aid for low-

income residents, said Rep. Peter MacGregor, a Republican from Kent County's Cannon Township and chairman of the House human services budget subcommittee.

"The governor wants a surcharge. My caucus will not support a surcharge," he said. "So we have to find the money within the budget, and that's what I did."

He said the detention facilities for juvenile offenders are too expensive and money can be saved by turning over their care to private operators. The facilities are in Escanaba, Grayling and Whitmore Lake.

MacGregor also said DHS managers could handle overseeing more front-line caseworkers.

Sen. Bruce Caswell, a Hillsdale Republican and head of the panel in charge of the Senate's human services spending plan, said he found a way to cover most of the \$60 million cost of the low-income heating assistance program without Snyder's proposed surcharge on energy bills. His plan would shift federal money into the program, avoiding the amount of cuts proposed

by the House.

The Senate proposal also would not close the three detention centers.

"Intelligent people can differ. That's why we have the process in place that we have. The governor has a budget — the House, the Senate. We'll reach compromises and come up with the best ideas from all three," Caswell said.

Ray Holman, spokesman for United Auto Workers Local 6000, the union for many DHS workers, said Michigan should not eliminate jobs of caseworkers charged with protecting children from abuse and neglect along with employees who determine eligibility for Medicaid and other safety-net programs.

A March report by monitors appointed by a federal judge found that Michigan had reduced the number of child welfare caseloads per worker, thanks to a hiring blitz in 2011. The report also said the state had trouble determining how many children live under one roof.

A 2006 lawsuit by New York-based Children's Rights led to an agreement to make changes at the child welfare agency.



Safety tape restricts access to the scene as a fire burns at Park Medical Centers building in Detroit on Tuesday.

2 die in shooting, Detroit medical facility fire

BY COREY WILLIAMS
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — A man identified by employees as a former maintenance worker opened fire inside a Detroit medical facility, sending screaming workers and visitors rushing for the doors just moments before the building erupted in flames.

Crews digging through the gutted Park Medical Centers building recovered the remains of a man and woman hours after the Tuesday morning blaze, Detroit police said in a statement.

Authorities did not release the identities of the dead, pending autopsies, but police had been searching for 35-year-old medical assistant Sharita Williams and the fired maintenance worker, who relatives said was her ex-boyfriend.

Williams' mother, Antha Williams-Hill, said one of her daughter's co-workers told her that the man threatened her daughter inside.

"He said, 'You think I'm playing with you?'" Williams-Hill said. "He told the other girl, 'I think you better get out of here.' The girl left and said she then heard two shots."

Last week, Sharita Williams was granted a personal protection order against the man, according to Wayne County Court records.

Williams-Hill said two days earlier, someone had emailed her sexually explicit photos of her daughter that also were posted on Facebook. The text accompanying the photos read: "How do you like Sharita's new boyfriend?" her mother said.



Ronald Weissend's motorcycle sits in the garage of his home in Flint. Weissend was the first fatality in Michigan after the motorcycle helmet law was repealed.

for helmetless riders in crashes was nearly three times higher than for those who wore helmets. An MLive Media Group investigation published in December came to the same conclusion.

The U-M study, unveiled at the state's Traffic Safety Summit two weeks ago, also concluded there would have been 26 fewer deaths and 49 fewer serious injuries had the helmet mandate been in place. Fifty-five helmetless riders died in 2012 after the law went into effect; 194 were seriously injured.

There is significant public opposition to the new helmet-choice law. A December poll commissioned by MLive found nearly two-thirds of adults oppose the change.

The vast majority — 55 percent — were "strongly opposed," while 8 percent were somewhat opposed, according to the poll done by Marketing Resource Group in Lansing. Only 26 percent supported the law.

The Heads First Coalition was created 10 years ago as efforts to repeal Michigan's

helmet law increased. Former Gov. Jennifer Granholm twice vetoed legislation to lift the law. Gov. Rick Snyder signed the law, which went into effect April 13, 2012.

The coalition includes the Michigan Health & Hospital Association, the Michigan State Medical Society, Michigan Nurses Association, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, and AAA Michigan, Allstate, Prudential, State Farm, and Nationwide insurance companies.

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GUEST COLUMNS

Don't strand our students

BY JOAN M. DOUGHTY

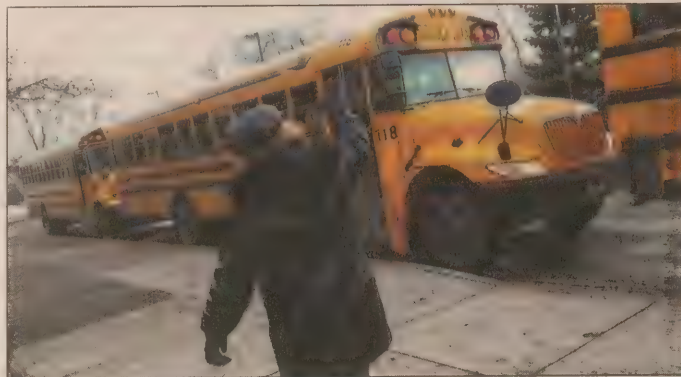
Community Dialogues" hosted by Ann Arbor school board members are an invitation to share creative ideas on how the district might generate more funds to stave off or reduce cuts.

Not surprisingly, a recent forum was filled by parents, teachers, coaches and a student, expressing concerns about athletics, fifth-grade instrumental music, theater, block scheduling, the seventh-hour option and foreign languages. They spoke against larger class sizes, reducing teacher pay and sharing principals.

Almost every cut or reduction under consideration had one or more passionate opponents.

In some cases, proposed cuts are based on an expectation that programs can attract more private or corporate funds, or that staff can consolidate functions.

Rather than pitting proponents of specific programs against each other, perhaps the conversation should be framed as a



Waving goodbye to transportation means waving goodbye to diversity, our guest columnist says.

discussion of principles and data that should guide the decision-making process.

Several speakers eloquently addressed the values intrinsic in a school system that maintains arts, music and theater programs, giving students an environment that supports their creativity.

Few would deny the importance of also establishing a guiding value that schools support the success of a diverse student population.

I brought up two very drastic cuts with far-reaching

consequences: Eliminating transportation for high school (\$466,000 savings) and middle school (\$1.2 million).

Hardest hit would be families who live furthest from their schools, particularly those without cars. Families with low incomes will be disproportionately affected, of course. For example, students living at Carrot Way, a supportive housing complex off Dhu Varren Road. Mapquest estimates it would take them over 2 hours to walk to Skyline High School.

Currently one in three AAPS students from families with low incomes does not graduate high school. This number will likely worsen if transportation is eliminated.

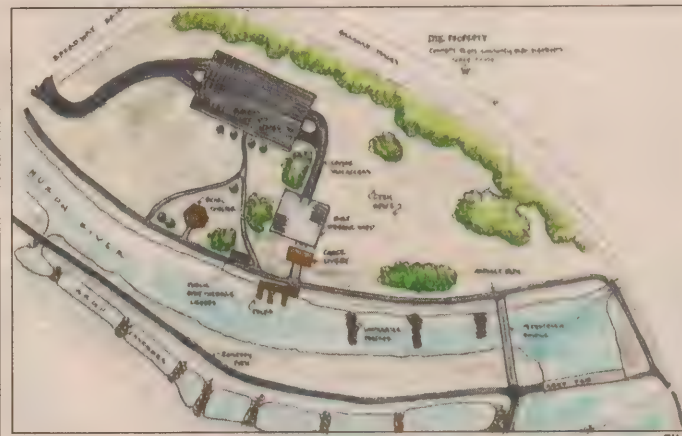
While Ann Arbor values diversity, families with low incomes often don't make it on the radar of decision makers. A community that makes cuts such as transportation sends a clear message about how much importance it places on the investment in their success.

Will AAPS cut transportation? If few objections are raised during these Community Dialogues, trustees will be justified in concluding that is not important to parents.

There are two more opportunities to express your opinions: April 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the downtown library, and April 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Scarlet Middle School. Emails to the Board of Education can be sent to: boe@aaps.k12.mi.us

Joan M. Doughty is executive director for the Community Action Network.

FROM THE COMMENTS



A draft plan by the citizen-led North Main-Huron River Corridor Vision Task Force.

Proposals for riverfront MichCon site include restaurant, offices, housing

"Exciting to hear that this former wasteland, located right across the river from the new Argo Cascade, will soon come to life."

DAN EZEKIEL

"With an integrated classical train station this could really be a nice addition while cleaning up a wasteland."

TIMJBD

"I hope there will be some affordable options to make it as inclusive as possible. The plans sound like they will be sensitive to the natural surroundings."

KATET

"Ann Arbor River Walk — our second, pedestrian-only downtown, with a farmers market on the water!"

DUG SONG

"Would love to see a mini riverside boardwalk, connected to the B2B trail, with a few restaurants with outdoor patios overlooking the river."

BRIANIZ3

"Should be strictly a park with no retail and no restaurants. That part of the river is narrow. I don't see what the attraction would be sitting on a restaurant patio deck watching the water roll by. Throwing retail into that space would totally out of character and detract from realizing fully the natural landscape possible."

TOM JOAD

Washtenaw: Snyder's funding proposal could fix the 'worst roads'

"If Mr. Townsend would remove the phrases 'projects it could complete' and 'list of potential projects,' and replace them with 'projects the county will complete,' I bet the people would be more inclined to write their representative in Lansing."

AVERAGE JOE

"If the road repairs had been funded two years ago, instead of the \$1.8 billion business tax cut, our roads would be as smooth as a politician's promises."

4BELLS

"If the roads had been funded properly for the last several decades when others were in control of the state, we wouldn't have this huge problem looking us in the face."

GREG

"He who fixes Michigan roads will be held in high esteem."

JOHN AGNO

"Tolls, tolls and more tolls! Has anyone in Lansing ever driven out of state?"

GRATEFULREB

"View fixing the highway infrastructure as a job creator, and as an economic development tool. Since moving here almost a year ago, I have grown to realize that Michigan generally has the worst roads I have ever experienced. As maintenance is deferred for lack of funding, the price tag for fixing them rises exponentially."

RETIREE NEWCOMER

Proposed Ypsilanti solar array moving on to final selection round

"I really like this project and hope DTE approves it!"

DAVID CAHILL

"The huge Ann Arbor landfill on Ellsworth would be a great spot for solar arrays. Great SW exposure, no trees and a hillside."

RICK STEVENS

"Sorry, but the numbers for solar panel electrical production are much inflated from what you can expect in reality and even if that wasn't the case, it is still not economically effective currently."

GREG

"When DTE starts making progress beyond the minimum required by law, that's when I will start cheering."

LARRYJ

"I find myself caring less and less about this every time they mention it. At this point I think it's clear that there will be no jobs created by it. Solar energy makes sense for the future but just having an array doesn't strike me as anything to pat oneself on the back about."

BEN PETIPRIN

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A perfect time to fix roads

Editor's note: Few in dispute the need to repair our aging infrastructure, and some are trying to do something about it. President Barack Obama's first budget director reminds us Michigan is not alone and says government at all levels is part of the solution.

BY PETER ORSZAG
BLOOMBERG NEWS

Roads, bridges and the nation's other infrastructure steadily growing older and weaker. Given low interest rates and elevated unemployment, this is an ideal moment to invest in fixing them.

Our structures are aging as fast as we are. From 2000 to 2010, the median human age in the U.S. rose by almost two years, from 35.3 to 37.2, and the average age of nonresidential corporate fixed assets increased by about the same amount. Fixed assets as a whole aged from an average of 20.7 years to 22.1.

Does age matter? Unfortunately, with infrastructure it does.

A December 2010 report from the Department of Homeland Security underscores the threat.

"Age," it says, "often acts together with and may reinforce the effect of other factors such as design, maintenance, and operation in increasing the vulnerability of infrastructure."

Consider the situation in New York state, where about 10 percent of the roughly 22,000 bridges were built before 1930. More than 10 percent of these old bridges have a superstructure rating of poor or worse, compared with less than 5 percent of the bridges built during the past four decades.

A problem from coast to coast

As my former colleague Larry Summers has written, "No one who travels from the United States abroad can doubt that we have an enormous infrastructure deficit. Surely even leaving aside any possible stimulus benefits, current economic conditions make this the ideal time for renewing the nation's infrastructure."



AP FILE

A 20th century infrastructure isn't just old, it's liable to reveal flaws in design, maintenance and operation.

So what to do?

The 2009 stimulus bill helped a bit: It allocated about \$100 billion to infrastructure investment (estimates vary slightly depending on the definition of "infrastructure"). But that was only about 12 percent of the total bill, and it was insufficient to address the growing problem.

Being fiscally responsible

Four steps are needed now.

First, we need to couple immediate federal spending on public assets with substantial, credible deficit-reduction measures that are scheduled to take effect later on. Such a "barbell" approach to fiscal policy would require that Republicans acknowledge the value of additional stimulus while the unemployment rate is

the columnist says.

high, and that Democrats see how Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security could be preserved and strengthened through certain cost-saving measures over time. The upfront piece should include an ambitious \$250 billion infrastructure program (including federal, state and local spending) over the next two years.

Second, we should bring back Build America Bonds. The traditional approach to state and local infrastructure financing allows the interest on the bonds to be excluded from federal taxation. That approach has been shown to provide undue benefit to purchasers in the top marginal-tax bracket. Build America Bonds, in contrast, provide a direct subsidy to the borrowers, and thereby deliver more of the federal

subsidy to the state and local governments.

More than 2,000 Build America Bonds were issued in 2009 and 2010, and the Treasury Department has estimated that state and local governments have saved \$20 billion in present value as a result. It's time to bring the program back.

Look for what's working

Third, federal policymakers should see how innovative programs such as the Chicago Infrastructure Trust work in practice. If Chicago can point the way for other cities to attract new forms of financing, it will have done a great service.

Finally, federal, state and local governments alike should expand the use of pricing to get the most out of existing roads, bridges and the like and to finance improvements.

User fees for transportation, for example, should be expanded, as was recently recommended by Jack Basso, a former chief operating officer of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and Tyler Duvall, a former assistant secretary at the Transportation Department.

This approach, they noted in a paper for the Hamilton Project, has been successful in other countries but has been used much less in the U.S. A road-pricing system could raise as much as \$55 billion a year to finance new investments or deficit reduction, the U.S. Transportation Department has estimated. It would also cut congestion and carbon emissions.

In the absence of such steps, our infrastructure will only become less safe and less productive. Although we may not be able to do much about our own aging, there's plenty we could do to keep public infrastructure young.

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Opinion

Margaret Thatcher's vigorous virtue wins the day

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

The 1990 Tory coup against Margaret Thatcher was the most intense political event I've covered. The Conservative politicians who were trying to remove her as prime minister knew they were toppling a person who was their political and moral superior. They knew she had earned the right to face the country in an election one last time. They sensed there would be some Shakespearean retribution for the act of disloyalty.

But Thatcher had exhausted the country. She had run through all the potential ministers on her side, and blocked the ambitions of many others.



DAVID BROOKS

OPINION

Her colleagues thought she was too anti-Europe. Her poll numbers were sinking. And so they felt compelled to act. While she was away, the members of her own party brought her down.

She came back from Paris betrayed and red around the eyes. But she still had to lead a Question Time in the House of Commons, speaking for a government she no longer headed.

It was a triumph. She dominated the hall, crushed the hecklers and rose

magnificently above her own misery.

Thatcher went down in full cry: "When good has to be upheld, when evil has to be overcome, Britain will take up arms!"

A little while later I literally bumped into her at a conference. I asked her what was running through her mind as she entered the House of Commons for that triumphant session.

I've rarely received an answer so disappointing. She told me she was thinking of the thank-you notes she would have to write that evening and other mundane details of the day.

The people who make history are usually not the same people who are able to

reflect and be introspective about it. As her former aide Matthew Parris once wrote, "I don't actually believe she had hidden depths."

Margaret Thatcher was a world historical figure for the obvious reasons. Before Thatcher, history seemed to be moving in the direction of Swedish social democracy. After Thatcher, it wasn't. But her most pervasive influence was on the level of values.

She was formed by her disgust with 1970s Britain. She witnessed a moral shift in those years, away from people who were competitive and toward people who were cooperative, away from the ambitious and toward those who were self-nurturing and self-exploring, away

from the culture of rectitude and toward the culture of narcissism.

In the political sphere this translated into an aversion to conflict, a desperate desire for consensus, which often translated into policy drift and a gradual surrender to entrenched interests. Thatcher saw this as a loss of will, a settling for mediocrity, a betrayal of Britain's great history and an acceptance of decline.

She championed a certain sort of individual, one who possessed what the writer Shirley Robin Letwin called the Vigorous Virtues: "upright, self-sufficient, energetic, adventurous, independent-minded, loyal to friends and robust against

foes."

Thatcher stood for steadfast conviction on behalf of the national good. An admirer of the free market, her companion goal was to restore the authority of the state, and she was willing to centralize power to do it.

Beyond her policy decisions, she was part of a values shift.

Today, bourgeois virtues like industry, competitiveness, ambition and personal responsibility are once again widely admired.

Tony Blair and Bill Clinton embraced and ratified her policy shifts. Millions more have been influenced by her idea of what makes an admirable individual.

Hillary will run; question is how

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Please don't ask me this anymore.

It's such a silly question. Of course Hillary is running. I've never met a man who was told he could be president who didn't want to be president. So naturally, a woman who's told she can be the first commandress in chief wants to be.

"Running for president is like sex," James Carville told me. "No one ever did it once and forgot about it."

As long as there are no more health scares — the thick glasses are gone — Hillary's age won't stop her. The Clinton scandals and dysfunction are in the rearview mirror at the moment, and the sluggish economy casts a halcyon glow on the Clinton era. Hillary is a symbol and a survivor, running on sainthood. Ronald Reagan, elected at 69, was seen as an "ancient king" gliding through life, as an aide put it. Hillary, who would be elected at 69, would be seen as an ancient queen striding through life.

She was supposed to go off to a spa, rest and get back in shape after her grueling laps around the world. But instead she's a tornado of activity, speaking at global women's conferences in Washington, D.C., and New York; starting to buck-rake on the speaking circuit; putting out a video flipping her position to support gay marriage; and signing a lucrative deal for a memoir on world affairs — all as PACs spring up around her, Bill Clinton and Carville begin to foment, and Chelsea lands on the cover of this week's Parade, talking about how "unapologetically and unabashedly" biased she is about her mother's future.

Hillary jokes that people regard her hair as totemic, and just so, her new haircut sends a signal of shimmering intention: She has ditched the skinned-back bun that gave her the air of a KGB villainess in a Bond movie and has a sleek new layered cut that looks modern and glamorous.

In a hot pink jacket and black slacks, she leaned in for a 2016 manifesto at Tina Brown's recent "Women in the World" conference, telling the blinged-out crowd of women that America cannot truly lead in the world until women here at home are full partners with equal pay and benefits and "no limit" on



MAUREEN DOWD

OPINION

how big girls can dream.

"This truly is the unfinished business of the 21st century," she said. But everyone knew the truly "unfinished business" Hillary was referring to: herself.

The real question is not whether but whither. Does Hillary have learning software? Did she learn, from her debacle with health care, to be more transparent and less my-way-or-the-highway? Did she learn, after voting to support W's nonsensical invasion of Iraq without even reading the intelligence estimate, that she doesn't need to overcompensate to show she's tough?

Did she learn, from her viper's nest and money pit of a campaign in 2008, how to manage an enterprise rather than be swamped by dysfunction? Did she learn, when she wrapped herself in an off-putting and opaque mantle of entitlement in the primary, that she's perfectly capable of charming reporters and voters if she wants to, without the obnoxious undertone of "I'm owed this"?

Even top Democrats who plan to support Hillary worry about her two sides. One side is the idealistic public servant who wants to make the world a better place. The other side is darker, stemming from old insecurities; this is the side that causes her to make decisions from a place of fear and to second-guess herself. It dulls her sense of ethics and leads to ends-justify-the-means wayward ways. The idea of Hillary is winning, a grand historical gender bender: first lady upgrading to president. But is the reality winning? The Clintons have a rare talent for finding puddles to step in. Out of public life, can she adapt and make the leaps needed, in a world changing at a dizzying tempo, to keep herself on top?

Her challenge is to get into the future and stay there, adding fresh people and perspectives and leaving the Clinton mishegoss and cheesiness in the past.

The real question about Hillary is this: When people take a new look at her in the coming years, will they see the past or the future — Mrs. Clinton or Madam President?



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A triumph of transformation

WASHINGTON POST WRITERS GROUP

She had the eyes of Caligula and the lips of Marilyn Monroe. So said Francois Mitterrand, the last serious socialist to lead a major European nation, speaking of Margaret Thatcher, who helped bury socialism as a doctrine of governance.

She had the smooth, cold surface of a porcelain figurine, but her decisiveness made her the most formidable woman in 20th-century politics, and England's most formidable since its greatest sovereign, Elizabeth I.

The Argentine junta learned of her decisiveness when it seized the Falklands. The British, too, learned. A Tory MP said, "She cannot see an institution without hitting it with her handbag."

She aimed to be the moral equivalent of military trauma, shaking her nation into vigor through rigor. As stable societies mature, they resemble long-simmering stews — viscous and lumpy with organizations resistant to change and hence inimical to dynamism. Her program was sound money, laissez faire, social fluidity and upward mobility through self-reliance and other "vigorous virtues." She is the only prime minister whose name came to denote



GEORGE WILL

OPINION

a doctrine — Thatcherism. ("Churchillian" denotes not a political philosophy but a leadership style.) When she left office in 1990, the trade unions had been tamed by democratizing them, the political argument was about how to achieve economic growth rather than redistribute wealth, and individualism and nationalism were revitalized.

And the Labour Party, shellacked three times, was ready for a post-socialist leader. Tony Blair was part of Thatcher's legacy.

Time was, Labour considered itself the party of ideas and Tories preferred balancing interests to implementing philosophy. But by the 1970s, Labour was a creature of a single interest group, the unions, and the Tories, who made Thatcher their leader in 1975, were becoming, as America's Republicans were becoming, a party of ideas.

Britain has periodically been a laboratory for economic ideas — those of Adam Smith, John Maynard Keynes, the socialism of postwar Labour. Before the

ascendancy of Thatcher — a disciple of Milton Friedman — Tories tried to immunize Britain against socialism by administering prophylactic doses of the disease. But by 1979, Britain's fundamental political arrangements were at issue, given the extortionate power of the unions to paralyze the nation.

In 1979, Thatcher won the most lopsided election since 1945, when there had not been an election for 10 years. In 1983, she became the first Tory since 1924 to win two consecutive elections. In 1987, she won a third. Her 12 consecutive years were an achievement without precedent since the 1832 Reform Act moved Britain, gingerly, toward mass democracy.

In Britain and America in the 1960s and 1970s, government's hubris expanded as its competence shrank. Like her soulmate, Ronald Reagan, Thatcher practiced the politics of psychotherapy, giving her nation a pride transplant. She was sick and tired of three decades of Britain being described as the Ottoman Empire once was, as "the sick man of Europe."

She set about disrupting settled attitudes and arrangements by enlarging and energizing the middle class.

Before Thatcher, Britain's economic problems often were ascribed to national character, and hence immune to remediation. Thatcher thought the national character could change, given bracing economic medicine. Marx's ghost, hovering over his grave in London's Highgate Cemetery, must have marveled at this Tory variant of economic determinism.

When nature was serving up charm and convictions, Thatcher took a double serving of the latter, leaving little room on her plate for the former. But by what has been called her "matriarchal machismo" she usefully demonstrated that a soothing personality is not always necessary in democracy.

Like de Gaulle, she was a charismatic conservative nationalist properly resistant to what she called the European federalists' attempts to "suppress nationhood and concentrate power at the center of a European conglomerate." She left the British this ongoing challenge: "We have not successfully rolled back the frontiers of the state in Britain, only to see them reimposed at a European level."

As long as her brave heart beat, she knew there are no final victories.

Five highlights of Iron Lady's influence in the U.S.

BY SEAN SULLIVAN
THE WASHINGTON POST

five moments that stand out:

1. "The second most important man in my life." Bound by opposition to communism, Thatcher and Reagan shared a close bond. They provided a united western counterbalance to the Soviet Union, and modernized Europe's anti-

Soviet nuclear shield.

2. Strains in the relationship. Reagan didn't immediately support Britain in its conflict with Argentina in the Falkland Islands in 1982, urging the European ally to pursue talks. And Thatcher's government denounced the Reagan-sanctioned invasion of

Grenada in 1983.

3. Address before a joint session of Congress: Thatcher in 1985 won rousing applause for her defense of Reagan's foreign policies. "In an address that stirred applause in the packed House chamber — especially among Republicans — Mrs. Thatcher also stressed that she firmly

supported President Reagan's space-based missile defense research plan," the New York Times reported at the time.

4. "No time to go wobbly." Toward the end of her tenure, Thatcher helped spur on President George H.W. Bush to intervene militarily in the Persian Gulf after Saddam Hussein

invaded Kuwait.

5. Spurning Sarah Palin: In 2011, the Guardian newspaper reported Thatcher would not be meeting with Sarah Palin during Palin's trip to London. "That would be belittling for Margaret. Sarah Palin is nuts," the paper quoted one Thatcher ally as saying.

Margaret Thatcher, Britain's prime minister for all of the 1980s, also left a major mark on U.S. politics, mainly through her close relationship with President Ronald Reagan.

Here's a look back at the

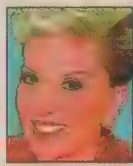
ADVICE

Stretched earlobes a matter of personal taste

Dear Abby: I would like to know what the fascination is with putting plugs in one's earlobes. I have seen some as large as half dollar coins. What does the person do if he regrets having done this to his ears? Can the holes be surgically closed?

— **Unpierced in Scottsdale, Ariz.**

Dear Unpierced: I spoke to James Wisniewski of the Body Electric Tattoo piercing studio in Los Angeles. He told me that, as with any type of body modification, the ear plugs are a matter of personal taste.



JEANNE PHILLIPS

DEAR ABBY

The process is referred to as "stretching," and James has had his earlobes this way for the past 14 years. He says he is asked about the procedure on a daily basis. He is attracted to it for the aesthetics. The modification is a gradual process, with larger jewelry being inserted as the hole becomes larger.

James recommends consulting a plastic surgeon if someone decides

to have the hole closed because new tissue is grown as a result of the earlobe stretching. The extra skin may have to be removed in the same way as after a major weight loss.

Dear Abby: What is the correct response when asked at a doctor's office or hospital if you drink?

I drink socially, maybe once a month. Should I say yes? If I do, I'm afraid it will imply that I drink more often.

I always end up feeling awkward and like I need to explain myself. I'm pretty proud telling them I don't smoke or do drugs, but the alcohol question always gets me. What do

other people who drink on occasion usually say?

— **Filling Out The Forms in Ohio**

Dear Filling: In my doctor's office I was asked that question, and my response was, "Yes, OCCASIONALLY." At that point, the follow-up question was, "How many drinks do you have a week?" Because this particular question makes you uncomfortable, mention to your physician that you indulge in alcohol only about once a month — which is practically negligible.

Write Dear Abby at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069 or DearAbby.com.

Wife has had it with hubby's check-outs

Dear Carolyn: I waited a long time to get married because I couldn't imagine spending every day with someone. My husband was that person.

Fifteen years later, I don't know if that is still true. Every three to four months he emotionally/mentally checks out — spending hours each evening by himself, reading or playing video games.

When I remind him he has checked out and needs to get back to "us," he agrees it is the right thing to do, but the cycle continues.

I've tried talking, yelling, threatening (to leave), marriage counseling. This week I've had it. I can't imagine life without him, but can't take this cycle. He wants another chance. Aauuugghhhhh.

What do I do now?

— **Mostly Happily Married**



CAROLYN HAX

TELL ME ABOUT IT

Have you tried backing off? Have you tried giving him more space in the months between his check-outs?

Have you tried treating his check-outs as a chance for you to spend some time on yourself or other things you don't do much as a couple — a chance to recapture a bit of the old you, who couldn't imagine sharing your day-to-day life?

Does he come back from these check-outs recharged? Could you?

The more shrill your responses get to these check-outs, the more frequent and enduring they're likely to be.

Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax



DR. KEITH ROACH

MEDICAL ADVICE

Dear Doctor: I fell about three months ago and sustained a compression fracture of my T11 vertebra. What can I do? The pain is about the same as it was then. There's numbness on the outside of my right foot. I have no tolerance for the idea of a needle in my back.

— **B.H.**

"T11" denotes the 11th thoracic vertebra — there are 12 thoracic (in the thorax, or middle back) vertebrae and five lumbar (lower back), so the 11th is in the mid-to-lower back. Think of the vertebral body as a hatbox. A compression fracture is what happens if you crush a hatbox: It loses height, and the space between it and the next vertebra is reduced. This can put pressure on the nerve between them as it exits the spinal column. Pain can come from the fracture itself, but also because the nerve is damaged. That damage is why the outside of the foot is numb.

Most often, compression fractures heal

over a few weeks, but I am concerned that you are continuing to have the same amount of pain and numbness. Although a back brace can be helpful, I am not sure it will help you enough. If medication isn't helping (and you haven't told me if you're taking any), then it's time to consider more aggressive treatments.

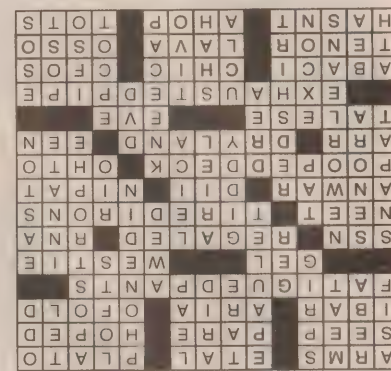
Kyphoplasty and vertebroplasty involve that needle in your back you have no tolerance for, and attempt to restore the height of the vertebral body with a balloon and cement. However, recent studies have shown that people who had these procedures didn't do any better than those who underwent a simulated procedure (with no balloon and no cement). So although they may help some people, I can't recommend them.

Spinal fusion surgery is another option, but it should be considered only if symptoms are very difficult to live with.

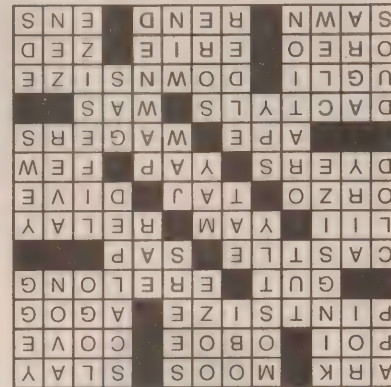
The last concern I had is why you had a fracture to begin with. A simple fall doesn't usually cause a compression fracture. If you haven't already, you should have a DEXA scan to look for osteoporosis and a vitamin D level check. This might help prevent further fractures.

Write Dr. Roach at ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu

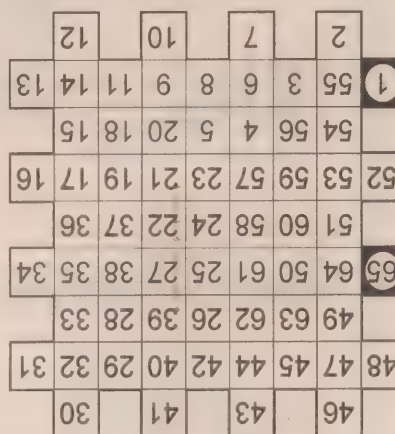
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TODAY'S HIDATO SOLUTION



HOROSCOPE

by Linda Black

Today's Birthday (04/11/13). A new ease in communications advances your projects faster. Grow your health and happiness. Review your financial plan, especially regarding insurance and investments, to discover a windfall. Adapt gracefully to changes. Find your way home to family and friends.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9 — Focus on making money. However, don't deviate from your personal rules.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Today is a 9 — Transformation is power right now. Use what you've learned, and don't be afraid to try something new. Create a new possibility from nothing.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Today is an 8 — Set aside extra time for surprises and contemplation. Help a family member with a personal task.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Today is a 9 — Things get easier. Reassess your own position. Set up a meeting. Check public opinion as you enter a social phase.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Today is a 9 — Enforce the rules, even as there's a change in plans. Establish them, if the game is new. Water figures in this scenario.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Today is a 9 — You're entering an intense two-day expansion phase. It's good for travel, too. Stay somewhat practical.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today is a 9 — These days are good for financial planning. Tell friends you'll see them later. Manage numbers now, and focus on your work.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Today is a 9 — Peacemaking comes naturally. Discover romance today and tomorrow. Savor beauty.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Today is a 9 — Avoid distractions, and get to work. Take on a job you've been putting off, and complete it for freedom and accomplishment. Spend a little on yourself.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Today is an 8 — Love blossoms. Hold out for what you want; don't waste your money on poor substitutions.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Today is an 8 — Household issues demand attention. Keep on top of the supply chain. There's some fierce competition.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Today is a 9 — Get into practical study. Embark on an adventure, and call if you'll be late for dinner. Keep clear communication.

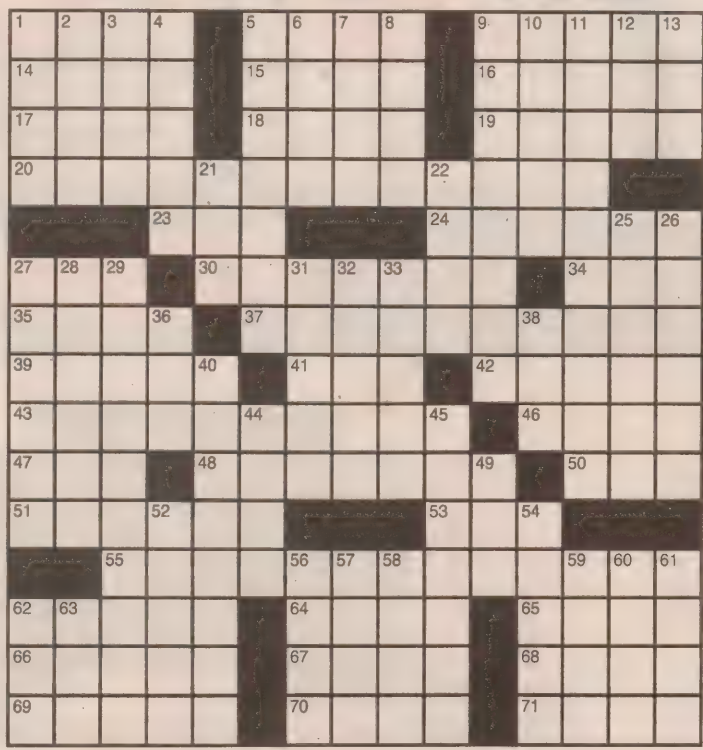
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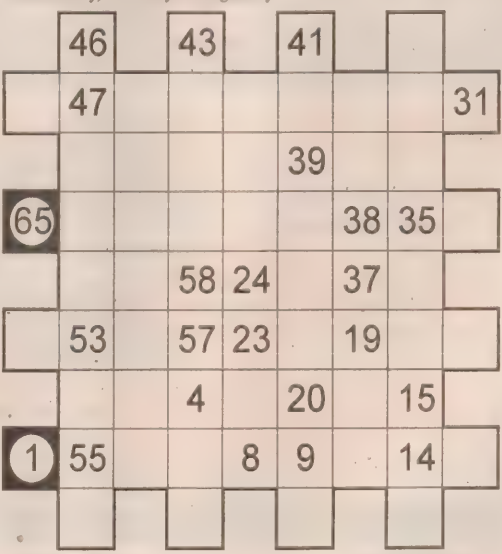
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FIND THE PATH - SOLVE THE PUZZLE

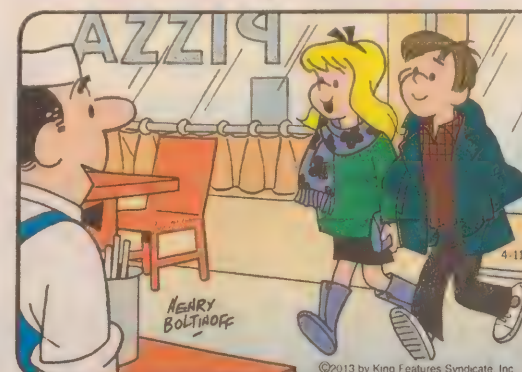
Complete the grid so that numbers 1-65 connect horizontally, vertically or diagonally.



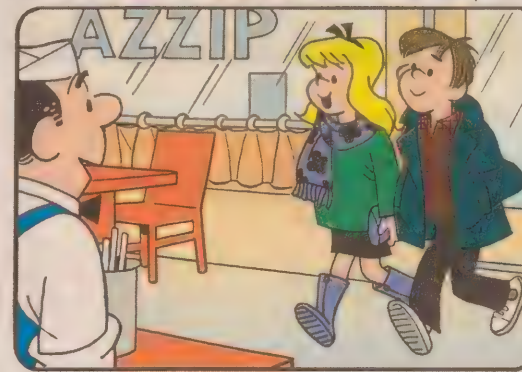
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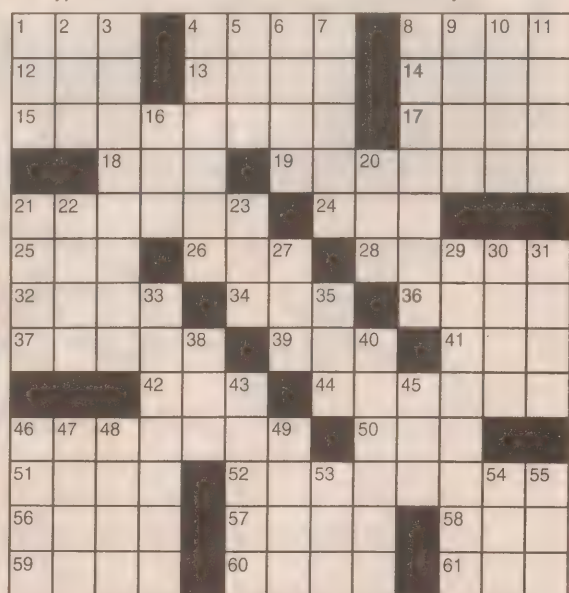
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STATE BRIEFS

LIONS

Te'o, other prospects visit

The Detroit Lions hosted three prospects for pre-draft visits Tuesday, including Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o, according to the team's website. Te'o, a first-team All-American and runner-up for the Heisman trophy, had 113 tackles and seven interceptions last year for the Irish. Te'o was considered the top linebacker in the draft class, but his stock has dipped after a subpar performance in the National Championship game against Alabama. In addition to Te'o, the Lions also met with Cincinnati tight end Travis Kelce and former University of Michigan running back Mike Cox. After four seasons at Michigan, including a redshirt year as a freshman, Cox transferred to UMass for his senior season and tallied 773 yards rushing and five touchdowns.

SPARTANS

Tough hoops slate

Michigan State's non-conference men's basketball schedule next season will be jam-packed once again, highlighted by a game against Kentucky on Nov. 12 at Chicago's United Center in the Champions Classic. The Spartans also will play in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, where they will be joined by Oklahoma, Seton Hall and Virginia Tech. The games were announced Wednesday.

RED WINGS

No go for Helm

Darren Helm continues to work at getting back into the lineup, but as the season winds down, Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said it's not realistic to expect the third-line center to return this year. "He's not going to play hockey, right, this year, I don't think," Babcock said. "We got to get ourselves in the playoffs and be ready to go without him." Helm has played one game this season after tweaking his back while lifting weights Jan. 10, three days before training camp.

WOLVERINES

Trio honored

Michigan was well represented on the All-NCAA tournament team. Trey Burke, Mitch McGary and Spike Albrecht were named Final Four All-Tournament performers following Louisville's 82-76 win in the national title game. Burke led the Wolverines in scoring during the tournament, averaging 15.5 points per game. — MLive.com

WOLVERINES FACE NEXT CHALLENGE: WHO'S GOING PRO?



MELANIE MAXWELL | ANNARBOR.COM

Michigan sophomore Trey Burke, who was the consensus National Player of the Year, will have a tough decision to make on whether to declare for the NBA draft. The final deadline is April 28.

Only the beginning

DESPITE NBA DECISIONS BREAKTHROUGH STARS MUST MAKE,
NCAA TOURNAMENT RUN PROVES FUTURE IS SECURE FOR PROGRAM



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ATLANTA — Michigan's 2012-13 season has ended.

And though it concluded in heartbreak with an 82-76 loss to Louisville in Monday's national championship game, it seems difficult to declare this year anything but a success for the Wolverines.

But, as is always the case, eyes now move to next year. And for Michigan, next season is an uncertain one. The status of sophomore point guard Trey Burke, junior Tim Hardaway Jr., freshman Glenn Robinson III and freshman Mitch McGary all remain in limbo at moment — as all four players are potential NBA draft picks this summer, if they choose to leave school.

After the game, though, none of them felt like discussing the next step.

"For myself, I'm not sure," Burke said. "I haven't made a decision. I'm not really thinking about it, honestly. I'm thinking about a loss. It hurts to be here."

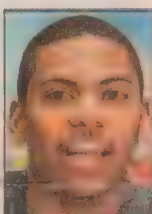
ESPN.com's Chad Ford has Burke and Robinson as his highest-rated Michigan prospects. Burke ranks No. 7 on his big board, while Robinson comes in at No. 14.

"We'll talk about that whenever I need to, but this isn't the time to talk about that right now," Robinson said. "I'll weigh my options. But this isn't the time right now."

McGary's NBA stock seems to have exploded throughout the NCAA tournament, as he's turned into a household name nationally.

His championship game performance was the worst of the postseason (six points, six rebounds and four fouls), but the 6-foot-10, 260-pound McGary still averaged 14.3 points and 10.7 rebounds.

Last week, Ford called



Glenn
Robinson III

McGary a likely first-round draft choice, should he declare. McGary's ranked at No. 15 on his big board.

"I'm not going to answer that question right now," McGary said after being asked if he planned to return next season.

Hardaway is viewed as the lowest-rated prospect of the bunch. Most analysts see him as a second-round pick, with the potential to work his way into the first round due to the draft's overall weakness.

Earlier this week, a report claimed both Burke and Hardaway had made their



Mitch
McGary

MORE

Taylor Lewan won't counsel players on turning pro, B2

NBA draft decisions. Both refuted it.

And like the rest of his teammates, Hardaway said he's not thinking about any of it at this moment.

"I'm not even worried about that right now," Hardaway said. "I'm reflecting on this loss. It hurt really, really bad."

"I'll talk it over with my parents, my coaching staff and my teammates. My teammates are very, very important to me. I don't know when or where. I don't have an answer."

The deadline for all underclassmen to declare for the NBA draft is April 28.

If a prospect declares early, but does not hire an agent, he has until Tuesday to pull his name out and maintain eligibility. After that, anyone who declares is ineligible to return as an NCAA athlete.

Anyone seeking advice from the NBA draft advisory board needed to apply by Wednesday and the board has until Monday to respond.

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Hunter collects 2,000th hit

Outfielder known for defense reaches milestone with Tigers

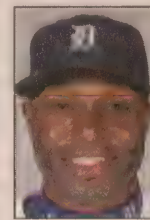
BY JAMES SCHMEHL
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DETROIT — Torii Hunter has dressed for almost 2,000 games in his 17-year career.

He's logged only seven as a member of the Detroit Tigers.

That didn't stop a Comerica Park crowd of 29,000-plus from offering the 37-year-old Hunter a standing ovation after he reached the 2,000-hit milestone Tuesday afternoon.

"That's why I love it here," he said. "I feel like I'm at home. I don't feel out of place and that's why I'm playing well. And I really thank the fans for that."



Torii Hunter

MORE

Quintin Berry making best of situation in Toledo, B5

Hunter entered Tuesday's game three hits shy of the milestone before going 3 for 4 to become the 14th active player in the majors with 2,000-plus hits.

He's batting a team-high .438 through 32 at-bats.

"My defense has always overshadowed my offense," he said. "But I can play a little bit."

His first base hit Tuesday came in the third inning. A fourth-inning single gave him hit No. 1,999. When he reached base in the sixth, with a single to center, fans greeted him with chants of "TOR-II" and a standing ovation.

"They make me feel at home. In the clubhouse, the front office, the fans — it's just an easy fit," he said.

"This is home. I fit in. I know my way around."

UPDATE

Today's game:

Detroit vs.

Toronto, 1:08 p.m.

at Comerica Park

Friday's game:

Detroit at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

TV: First games on FSD



Change is in the cards for finalists

Louisville leaving Big East, U-M players face NBA decisions

BY JIM O'CONNELL
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — The last note of "One Shining Moment" had yet to reach the people in the cheap seats at the Georgia Dome when college basketball

started doing what it does so well — looking ahead to next season.

Louisville's 82-76 victory over Michigan on Monday night is going to go down as one of the best national championship games. Cardinals coach Rick Pitino won his second title, the other coming at hated in-state rival Kentucky in 1996, to cap an amazing day that started with him being elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

But enough reminiscing.

What's the 2013-14 season going to bring?

Change will be the key word, with a bunch of schools moving from one conference to another. Louisville will be among those, going from the Big East, which the Cardinals won the last two seasons, to the American Athletic Conference for one season before heading to the Atlantic Coast Conference the season after that.

And remember when all we worried about was which players were coming back?



Michigan coach John Beilein, left, and Louisville coach Rick Pitino share a few words prior to Monday's championship game.

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Well we still will, especially with Louisville and Michigan having so many quality young players. The Wolverines were the youngest team in the NCAA tournament field of 68,

and Louisville had one senior (players who stay in school four years) in its rotation.

And now the most asked question the Wolverines will face is: Who's coming back?

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BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Saline 103, Pioneer 36

Saline took first place in 13 of 17 events, including each of the relay events, to win its first outdoor competition of the season. The Hornets controlled the field events, sweeping the shot put, high jump and discus, led by senior captain John Smutney's wins in the discus (147 feet, 5 inches) and shot put (50-8.5). Andrew Kitto won the 800-meter run in 1 minute, 58.33 seconds, and Ryan Gauche took the 400 dash in 44.54, as Saline grabbed the top-four places in both events. "It bodes well when you have strength in the intermediate distances," said Saline coach Al Leslie said, whose team finished third in the Division 1 finals last season. "Our overall depth is what made the difference." Tyler Leach won the pole vault for Pioneer with a vault of 14-9, and Tre Brown took the 110 hurdles in 15.8 seconds.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Chelsea 111, Ypsilanti 23

Chelsea's Zach Rabbitt won three events to lead the Bulldogs. Rabbitt finished first in the 800-meter run in 2 minutes, 4.5 seconds. Teammate Shane McGraf earned two first-place finishes in the 110 hurdles (16.00) and the 300 hurdles (42.20). "We scored a lot of points because we had more depth than what Ypsilanti did, but it was a good start to the season overall," Chelsea coach Eric Swager said. "Our season will depend on if we stay healthy, and if our throwers and sprinters come along and improve."

GIRLS SOCCER

Pioneer 2, Trenton 2

Pioneer's Brianna Worthy scored with one minute remaining to force a draw Tuesday. Jenny Fichera was credited with the assist. Pioneer played a series of short passes in the along the left wing before Fichera crossed the ball across the six-yard box for Worthy to finish. Trenton led 2-0 with 12 minutes remaining before Lena Katterman scored off a 25-yard free kick. Sofia Gambini was in goal for Pioneer. "Both of their goals were defensive breakdowns for us, which is fine," Pioneer coach Chris Coleman said, "but those are things that we can correct. Considering it was our first match it was what I expected."

— AnnArbor.com



DANIEL BRENNER | MLIVE.COM

Skyline's John Crowley, left, handles the ball in the game against Okemos on Tuesday. The Eagles won 9-2.

Skyline hits new heights

'EASILY THE BIGGEST WIN' EVER FOR LACROSSE TEAM

BY KYLE AUSTIN
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ANN ARBOR — After giving up the first goal of the game, the Skyline boys lacrosse team scored eight consecutive goals to clinch a 9-2 win Tuesday night against Okemos.

And when all was said and done, the Eagles had bagged what their coach calls the biggest win in program history. Okemos finished last season ranked as No. 7 in the Lax Power rankings.

"That's easily the biggest win Skyline's ever had," Skyline coach Jack Robenalt said. "Last year we beat Huron and they were not even close to that highly ranked, and that was our best win. A 9-2 win

"Last year we beat Huron and they were not even close to that highly ranked, and that was our best win. A 9-2 win against the No. 7 team in D2 is a big win for us."

— Skyline coach Jack Robenalt

against the No. 7 team in D2 is a big win for us."

Freshman Zach Schwartz and senior John Crowley led the Eagles offensively with three goals apiece. Sophomore Alex Wood had a goal and two assists.

But before a fourth-quarter surge that put the game away, it was Skyline's defense that

got the job done. Goaltender PJ Merica recorded 10 saves, and the Eagles defensive group led by Eric Guldberg, Jack Floyd and Ben Brinkerhoff held Okemos to 12 shots.

"Those three played great," Robenalt said. "PJ played awesome in goal though. He kept us in the game early when we couldn't score and sealed it at the end."

Following Okemos' first goal, Schwartz scored a pair in the first quarter to give Skyline the lead. The Eagles tacked on two more before halftime.

After a scoreless third quarter, Skyline held a tenuous three-goal lead. But four goals in a span of four minutes and five total in the fourth quarter helped the Eagles put the game away.

"Last year they had trouble kind of putting the pedal down when they needed to, and today they did a good job of that in the fourth quarter when they needed to score, because Okemos had a couple of shots that were kind of threatening," Robenalt said. "We really needed a goal and we put in five."

Lewan says he won't counsel players on NBA decision

Burke, Hardaway, Robinson, McGary face April 28 deadline to declare for draft

BY KYLE MEINKE
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ANN ARBOR — Taylor Lewan knows exactly what Trey Burke is going through.

The Michigan offensive lineman was an All-American as a junior last year, and was projected as a top-15 pick in the NFL draft.

He was expected to declare for the NFL.

But he didn't, choosing to return to Michigan for a fifth season.

Now Burke is faced with an identical situation, after the Wolverines' basketball team lost 82-76 on Monday in the national title game against Louisville.

The point guard is an All-American, the national player of the year and a projected top-15 pick in the NBA draft.

But Lewan says he doesn't plan to speak with Burke about his decision, nor with other potential NBA departures Tim Hardaway Jr., Mitch McGary and Glenn Robinson III.

"That's not my place at all," the senior said Tuesday after practice at Glick Field House. "What Trey Burke, Tim does — I know Tim, have had class with him and he's a great guy — whatever decision they make, you have to make the best decision for yourself."

"I think if they choose to leave, they'll have my support. I don't even know Trey Burke, but he has my support. Those guys have done a great job and earned everything they get."

Burke's departure is expected to be imminent, after nearly making the leap last year. He elected to return for his sophomore season, and became the consensus national player of the year.

Robinson, a 6-foot-6 freshman forward, has been projected as a first-round pick for much of the season.

McGary's pro stock is more of a recent development. He wasn't even a full-time starter until the NCAA tournament, but became one of the field's biggest stars. ESPN's Chad Ford now projects him as the 12th overall pick in his latest mock draft.

The deadline for underclassmen to declare for the NBA Draft is April 28.

That foursome helped lead Michigan all the way to the national championship game, captivating a school and town where football typically is king.

"It's cool," Lewan said. "We have 134 years of (football) tradition and it's awesome to see the basketball team do what they did."

"I'm so proud of what they've done, and they've shown all the sports in this campus how to be successful and how to work hard. You lose the Big Ten championship and Big Ten tournament, it's like people counted them out. But they got to the 'ship and that's awesome."



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From left, sophomore Trey Burke, junior Tim Hardaway Jr., and freshman Mitch McGary and Glenn Robinson III during a press conference on Sunday. The four must decide by April 28 if they will declare for the NBA draft.

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Baseball
Ann Arbor Greenhills at Novi Franklin Road Christian DH, 4:30 p.m.
Harrison at Ann Arbor Pioneer DH, 4 p.m.
Howell at Ann Arbor Skyline DH, 4 p.m.
Boys Golf
Berkley Invitational: Chelsea, 9 a.m.
Boys Lacrosse
Ann Arbor Greenhills at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 6 p.m.
Boys Track and Field
Detroit Allen Academy at Ypsilanti Willow Run: Ypsilanti Willow Run, 4:30 p.m.
Manchester at Clinton, 4:30 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse
Farmington Hills Mercy at Ann Arbor Huron, 7 p.m.
Temperance Bedford at Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.
Girls Soccer
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 7:30 p.m.
Ann Arbor Greenhills at Jackson Christian, 5 p.m.
Ann Arbor Huron at Brighton, 7 p.m.
Girls Tennis
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard at Riverview Gabriel Richard, 4 p.m.
Ann Arbor Greenhills at Ann Arbor Huron, 4 p.m.
Chelsea at Ida, 4 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Milan, 4 p.m.
Girls Track and Field
Manchester at Clinton, 4:30 p.m.
Girls Water Polo
Lake Orion at Dexter, 6 p.m.
Softball
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard at Royal Oak Shrine, 5:30 p.m.
Chelsea at Ida, 4 p.m.
Whitmore Lake at Dexter, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

Baseball
South Lyon at Ypsilanti, 10 a.m.
Whitmore Lake at Erie-Mason, 4 p.m.
Boys Golf
Tri-County Conference Golf Jambooree at Whitmore Lake: Whitmore Lake, 3:15 p.m.
FR Hornet Invitational: Ann Arbor Huron, Dexter, Saline, 11 a.m.

Boys Lacrosse
Ann Arbor Skyline at Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Saline at Temperance Bedford, 7 p.m.
Tecumseh at Ypsilanti, 5 p.m.
Ypsilanti Lincoln at Dexter, 7:30 p.m.
Boys Track and Field
Whitmore Lake Relays: Whitmore Lake, 4:30 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse
Ann Arbor Pioneer at Saline, 7 p.m.
Dexter at Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.
Girls Soccer
Howell Athletic Association of Christian Homeschoolers at Saline Washtenaw Christian, 5 p.m.
Monroe Jefferson at Milan, 4:30 p.m.
Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory at Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy, 5 p.m.
Girls Tennis
Ypsilanti at Allen Park, 4 p.m.
Girls Track and Field
Whitmore Lake Relays: Whitmore Lake, 4:30 p.m.
Girls Water Polo
Seaholm Invitational
Softball
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard at Ann Arbor Skyline DH, 5:30 p.m.
Brighton at Ann Arbor Pioneer DH, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Ypsilanti, 10 a.m.
Walled Lake Northern at Ann Arbor Huron, 4 p.m.
Whitmore Lake at Erie-Mason, 4 p.m.
Ypsilanti Willow Run at Ann Arbor Greenhills DH, 4 p.m.
SATURDAY
Baseball
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep DH, 4 p.m.
Ann Arbor Greenhills at Adrian Lenawee Christian DH, 11 a.m.
Rockford Boosters Tournament: Ann Arbor Pioneer, 10 a.m.
Brooklyn Columbia Central at Manchester, 10 a.m.
Coldwater Invitational: Chelsea, 9 a.m.
Dexter at Plymouth, noon
IST Dirtbag Classic: Ypsilanti Lincoln, 10 a.m.
Avery Tournament: Milan, 8 a.m.
Toledo Anthony Wayne Invitational, 11 a.m.
Ypsilanti at White Lake Lakeland, 11 a.m.
Boys Golf
Ovid-Elsie Invitational: Ypsilanti Lincoln, 10 a.m.
Boys Lacrosse
Ann Arbor Huron at Ann Arbor Greenhills, 1 p.m.
Flint Powers Catholic at Saline, 2 p.m.

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Tecumseh at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, noon
Boys Track and Field
Redskin Relays: Ypsilanti Willow Run, 9 a.m.
Grass Lake Invitational: Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 9 a.m.
Grass Lake Invitational, noon
Girls Lacrosse
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Northview, at Ann Arbor Skyline
Ann Arbor Huron at Bloomfield Hills Marian, 3 p.m.
Girls Soccer
Ann Arbor Skyline at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 2 p.m.
Ladywood at Chelsea, 2:30 p.m.
Saline at Novi, 1 p.m.
Girls Tennis
Portland Invitational: Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 8 a.m.
Ann Arbor Greenhills at Saline, 8 a.m.
Adrian Maple Varsity Challenge, 8:30 a.m.
Saline Invitational: Ann Arbor Pioneer, 8 a.m.
Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational: Ann Arbor Pioneer, 8 a.m.
Chelsea Quad, 8:30 p.m.
Saline Invitational, 8 a.m.
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Michigan's Frank Clark, right, closes in on a tackle against Purdue last season. Clark has impressed All-American lineman Taylor Lewan with his play in spring practices.

Clark earning all-Big Ten buzz in spring practice

Junior defensive end has held his own against All-American Lewan

BY KYLE MEINKE
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ANN ARBOR — The Frank Clark buzz continues to build. And this time, it's coming from a guy who knows talent: Taylor Lewan.

"I think, no doubt in my mind, he's an All-Big Ten player — if not more," Lewan said Tuesday of the weak-side defensive end.

Lewan was an All-American last year, and the Big Ten's offensive lineman of the year. But he said earlier in camp that Clark has been giving him the most trouble of any defensive lineman in camp.

Clark, a junior defensive end, has added 15 pounds this offseason and received praise throughout spring camp for his progress. The 277-pounder continues to draw the "physical freak" label.

And apparently, he's engaging Lewan in some epic one-on-one clashes.

"He takes it to Taylor," senior defensive lineman Jibreel Black said. "They go back and forth."

"I believe going against Taylor, and the magnitude that he's at, as far as pass rushing, one-on-ones and whatever, that's going to make me a great player."

— Michigan junior defensive end Frank Clark on going up against All-American Taylor Lewan in practices

Even draw."

Black said he agrees with Lewan that Clark could be an all-Big Ten defensive lineman this year.

"Frank's been running to the ball really well — like, the best I've seen him since the first play of his freshman year," Black said. "He's really been getting after it, as far as getting to the ball."

"He's so long. He can get off the ball and just freeze you. His arms are just so long."

Clark started four games last year before eventually gave way to Brennen Beyer down the stretch. But Beyer moved to strong-side linebacker this spring after Jake Ryan suffered an ACL injury, paving the way for Clark to claim the full-time job.

He's battling promising sophomore Mario Ojemudia and freshman Taco Charlton at the position, which Clark says helps give him a sense of

urgency.

He said his daily battles with Lewan, possibly the best offensive lineman in the country, has helped toughen him.

"I believe going against Taylor, and the magnitude that he's at, as far as pass rushing, one-on-ones and whatever, that's going to make me a great player," Clark told reporters recently. "Taylor reminds me of watching Jake Long when I was younger. He's that type of player. And he's proven it to everyone."

Clark claims he's gotten the best of Lewan in practice.

"Perception is reality," Lewan countered. "If he wants to perceive it that way, then yeah."

The competition is heating up between the All-American and Clark, which figures only to make Clark better.

Perhaps even an all-Big Ten lineman.

Gardner to wear no-contact orange jersey in spring game

BY KYLE MEINKE
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ANN ARBOR — Michigan has yet to release details regarding the format for its spring game.

But one tidbit has emerged: Junior quarterback Devin Gardner will wear an orange jersey during the game, according to a post on the school's official Facebook page. That signals he won't be touched during the game, which starts at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Michigan Stadium.

Michigan's quarterbacks have not worn no-contact jerseys during the previous two

spring games under coach Brady Hoke, but the Wolverines have heightened their medical precautions since backup quarterback Russell Bellomy tore an ACL two weeks ago.

There won't be a healthy scholarship quarterback behind Gardner until true freshman Shane Morris enrolls in the summer. Walk-on redshirt freshman Brian Cleary is the current backup, and is expected to guide the second offense during the spring game.

Senior offensive lineman Taylor Lewan said he saw major growth from Cleary during a scrimmage over the weekend.

THE GAME

Michigan Spring Game



When: 12:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: Michigan Stadium
TV: Big Ten Network (tape delay, 9 p.m.)
Tickets: Free

"At first he seemed a little tentative," the senior said. "He was going against the threes, now he's going against the twos. It's just a different speed."

THE TEAMS

Team of the week

Go to AnnArbor.com to vote for one of the following teams for next week's AnnArbor.com high school team of the week:

- Chelsea girls soccer
- Lincoln girls track
- Pioneer girls tennis
- Dexter boys golf
- Huron baseball

Polls close at noon Friday and votes can be made once per hour

NATIONAL SPORTS

2013 MASTERS PREVIEW

Restore the roar?

MOST AGREE: WOODS IS THE GOLFER TO BEAT

BY DOUG FERGUSON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Around every corner at Augusta National is another reminder Tiger Woods isn't getting any younger.

He played a practice round with a teenager from China who wasn't even born when Woods won his first Masters. Woods was introduced at his news conference Tuesday as playing the Masters for the 19th time, which caused him to bow his head and cover his eyes.

Among dozens of photographs on the walls of the club is one of defending champion Phil Mickelson helping Woods — with a much fuller head of hair — into the green jacket after Woods won the Masters in a playoff.

That was from 2005. And that was the last time Woods won the Masters.

Woods said at least he is contending, so he is not about to panic.

He conceded it feels a lot longer than eight years ago, though he is not the least bit discouraged the Masters is the major he has gone the longest without winning.

Since that Sunday evening, Woods has won the British Open twice, the PGA Championship twice and another U.S. Open.

Could he have imagined in 2005 that seven Masters would come and go without him winning?

"I wouldn't have been happy with that," Woods said. "I put myself in the mix every year but last year, and that's the misleading part. It's not like I've been out there with no chance of winning this championship. I've been there and, unfortunately, just haven't got it done."

"Obviously, I'm not real happy with the fact that I haven't won more," he said. "But the whole idea is to give myself opportunities. And, as of right now, I'm tied for second on the all-time win list here. So, that's not too bad, either."

Woods has changed his practice routine at this major. For years known as a dew sweeper for playing his practice rounds at the crack of dawn, Woods hasn't shown up at the course until after lunch this week.

Making changes

He played Monday afternoon with 14-year-old Guan Tianlang and Dustin Johnson. After his news conference, he headed to the practice range before going out for nine holes with Fred Couples.

Asked about the change, he was coy, telling a reporter with whom he is familiar, "Just wanted to mess with you." He smiled, never giving an explanation, so that much hasn't changed about Woods.



Tiger Woods catches a ball while hitting on the driving range during practice Monday for the Masters.

ON THE AIR

2013 Masters Tournament:

- First, second round live, 3 p.m. today, Friday on **ESPN**
- Third round live, 3 p.m. Saturday on **CBS**
- Final round live, 2 p.m. Sunday on **CBS**

The biggest difference is his health and his game, which are connected.

There has been so much activity off the golf course — the scandalous revelations of extramarital affairs that ended his marriage, changing swing coaches to rebuild his swing for the fourth time, a move to South Florida to a mansion so large he has his own practice range in the backyard — that it was easy to overlook the injuries.

It started to turn the corner last year when Woods began winning again — three times on the PGA Tour — and getting back into contention in majors.

It was early last summer when he could finish a round and spend an hour on the range, and his fitness plan was more about building strength then rehabilitating his left leg.

"The No. 1 concern was, first of all, get healthy, get strong enough where I can practice," he said. "And, once I started to be able to practice, things turned. And they turned quickly. I feel comfortable with every aspect of my game. I feel that I've improved, and I've gotten more consistent, and I think, the wins show that. That's something that I'm proud of so far this year."

Big victories

The wins are piling up, and they are impressive. He led by as many as eight

shots on the back nine at Torrey Pines. He never was seriously challenged over the final hour at Doral and Bay Hill, two more wins that marked the first time in 10 years he had three wins before going to the Masters. And he is back to No. 1 in the world.

To no one's surprise, he is the overwhelming favorite when the Masters begin Thursday.

Mickelson came within a fraction of an inch from shooting 59 this year when he won the Phoenix Open, and while he is a bit nervous about not playing the week before the Masters as he usually does, he can contend at Augusta even when he is not on form. A win this year would give him as many green jackets as Woods.

Abilities are no secret

Rory McIlroy is getting his game together at the right time, finishing second last week in the Texas Open. There are challengers all around, and yet, most players would agree Woods is the man to beat this week.

"Even at times where he has not played his best, you know what he's capable of, and so you're always looking at his score," Mickelson said.

"You're always worried about him making that big run the way he's always done throughout his career. And, now that he's doing it and winning tournaments in such dominating fashion, it does have the feel of what we expect to see."

The previous time Woods won back-to-back tournaments going into the Masters was in 2001 (Bay Hill, The Players Championship), and he made it three in a row that year by beating Mickelson and David Duval on the back nine to give him a sweep of the four professional majors.

Stenhouse Jr. adjusting to Sprint Cup

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Ricky Stenhouse Jr. is trying to find his way on the NASCAR Sprint Cup series, and he can't even ask his fellow rookie and girlfriend Danica Patrick for a whole lot of advice.

The two drivers are on different teams, so technical questions about how to set the car up or adjustments to how the car run aren't allowed. Instead, any conversations about business don't get all that specific, Stenhouse said Tuesday.

"We do talk a little bit about how we're driving," Stenhouse said. "But most of the time I'm watching football or basketball or something."

Stenhouse took time out of his first full season in Sprint Cup racing to promote the Bojangles 500 next month at Darlington Raceway with stops in Columbia that included taking in a South Carolina spring football practice, meeting with Gamecocks coach and

NASCAR fan Steve Spurrier and a brief conversation with defensive lineman Jadeveon Clowney.

Stenhouse won the Nationwide Series two years in a row before making the jump to the big leagues. His best finish of the year was 12th at the season opening Daytona 500 and he has led just one lap at Las Vegas. He is currently 15th in points in Sprint Cup and trails Patrick for Rookie of the Year.

The 25-year-old driver said the adjustment to NASCAR's premier series has been tough.

"The competition level is just so much higher in the Sprint Cup series. I know the race tracks, I know my crew and my guys, but I don't know how all the guys are out there racing," Stenhouse said.

He said he is still trying to

figure out how to properly use the brake and keep things smooth with the 250 extra horsepower he gets in Sprint Cup cars. He also is getting used to running longer races.

"I don't know exactly what I need in my car to be good at the end of a 500-mile race, compared to a 300-mile race," Stenhouse said.

Stenhouse's first Sprint Cup season started with plenty of off track news, as his relationship with Patrick became public just before the Daytona 500. Stenhouse's head drooped a little Tuesday as he was asked about his famous girlfriend Tuesday, but he still answered the questions.

"I enjoy talking about the on track stuff," Stenhouse said.

The Mother's Day weekend race at Darlington is about a month away, and Stenhouse said he likes the track. He won the Nationwide pole in 2012 before finishing sixth and finished 10th in his second start at the track in 2011.

Five teams battle in new prep poll

ANNARBOR.COM

Spring sports are officially in full swing. And we need your help deciding which sports and teams to check out.

We've got a new Mlive.com/AnnArbor.com Team of the Week poll officially open for the week of April 15-20.

There are five selections to choose from between now and noon Friday.

The poll winner will be the focus of our coverage throughout the week.

The five choices are: Chelsea girls soccer, Dexter boys golf, Huron baseball, Lincoln girls track and Pioneer girls

tennis.

All five will be facing off in local matchups during the week: Chelsea will visit Huron Friday following a home date with Parma Western; Dexter boys golf will visit Chelsea and Skyline; Huron baseball will face Chelsea and Dexter; Lincoln girls track will take on Dexter and Pioneer girls tennis will host Adrian and visit Saline.

Our first Team of the Week winner was the Skyline boys lacrosse team, which is featured in today's section.

We'll do the same with our winner for next week. So get your votes in now.

NATIONAL

IN BRIEF

BASEBALL

Angels' Weaver on disabled list

The Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday placed pitcher Jered Weaver on the 15-day disabled list with a fractured left elbow. The right-hander, who was diagnosed with a non-displaced radial head fracture, is expected to miss at least four weeks. Weaver left Sunday's loss against the Texas Rangers early after jamming his non-throwing arm while dodging a line drive.

SOCCER

US women beat Dutch

Christen Press scored twice as the United States women's team beat the Netherlands 3-1 in a friendly Tuesday to stretch its unbeaten streak to 31 matches.

HOCKEY

Heatley has surgery

Minnesota Wild right wing Dany Heatley underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left shoulder Tuesday. Coach Mike Yeo said the Wild are hoping to have the 32-year-old back in time for the playoffs. Heatley has 11 goals and 10 assists in 36 games.

FOOTBALL

Flacco to play QB role

Joe Flacco, the Ravens' Super Bowl-winning quarterback, will play the part of Baltimore's greatest quarterback, former Colts star Johnny Unitas, in an upcoming movie entitled "Unitas We Stand." The movie is being co-produced by Joe Unitas, the late quarterback's son.

COLLEGE HOCKEY

Maine fires coach

The University of Maine fired head hockey coach Tim Whitehead after 12 seasons. Whitehead's departure, announced Tuesday, followed a disappointing season in which the Black Bears went 11-19-8 and failed to advance in the Hockey East playoffs.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Players to transfer

DePaul has granted forward Moses Morgan and three other players permission to transfer. The school said Tuesday that forward Montray Clemons, guard Jordan Price and center Derrell Robertson Jr. also have permission to contact other schools about transferring.

BASKETBALL

Hall of Fame class

Rick Pitino capped the greatest week of his life with the prize he wanted most of all. His Louisville team won the NCAA title on the same day it was announced that he was voted into the latest Basketball Hall of Fame class, a couple of days after his horse won a big race on the way to the Kentucky Derby, and a few more days after his son got the head coaching job at Minnesota. Joining Pitino in the Hall of Fame class of 2013 are former NBA stars Bernard King and Gary Payton, former UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian, North Carolina women's coach Sylvia Hatchell, former University of Houston coach Guy Lewis, former University of Virginia star Dawn Staley.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Pair arrested

Two Boise State basketball players were charged with misdemeanor theft after being arrested on suspicion of stealing food from a store. Police say Kenny Buckner, 23, and Brandi Henton, a 20-year-old women's team member, went into a Boise store and left concealing food for which they hadn't paid.

— The Associated Press

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ALL TIMES EASTERN

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	5	2	.714	—
New York	4	4	.500	1½
Baltimore	3	4	.429	2
Tampa Bay	3	5	.375	2½
Toronto	2	5	.286	3
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Kansas City	5	3	.625	—
Chicago	4	3	.571	½
Detroit	4	3	.571	½
Minnesota	4	4	.500	1
Cleveland	3	5	.375	2
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Texas	6	2	.750	—
Oakland	5	2	.714	½
Seattle	4	4	.500	1
Los Angeles	2	4	.333	3
Houston	1	6	.143	4½

TUESDAY

Detroit 7, Toronto 3
Washington 8, Chicago White Sox 7
N.Y. Yankees 14, Cleveland 1
Texas 6, Tampa Bay 1
Kansas City 7, Minnesota 4
Oakland at L.A. Angels, late
Houston at Seattle, late

WEDNESDAY

Toronto at Detroit, late
Tampa Bay at Texas, late
Chicago White Sox at Washington, late
N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, late
Baltimore at Boston, late
Minnesota at Kansas City, late
Oakland at L.A. Angels, late
Houston at Seattle, late

THURSDAY

Toronto at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

FRIDAY

Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	7	1	.875	—
Washington	7	2	.714	1½
New York	5	3	.625	2
Philadelphia	5	3	.625	2
Miami	1	7	.125	6
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Cincinnati	5	3	.625	—
St. Louis	4	4	.500	1
Chicago	3	5	.375	2
Pittsburgh	3	5	.375	2
Milwaukee	2	6	.250	3
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Colorado	5	2	.714	—
Arizona	5	3	.625	½
Los Angeles	4	3	.571	1
San Francisco	4	3	.571	1
San Diego	2	5	.286	3

TUESDAY

San Diego 9, L.A. Dodgers 3
Washington 8, Chicago White Sox 7
Philadelphia 8, N.Y. Mets 3
Atlanta 3, Miami 2
Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 3
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 6, Arizona 5
Colorado at San Francisco, late

WEDNESDAY

Cincinnati at St. Louis, late
Pittsburgh at Arizona, late
Colorado at San Francisco, late
Chicago White Sox at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, late
Atlanta at Miami, late
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, late
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, late

THURSDAY

San Francisco at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

FRIDAY

San Francisco at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Colorado at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

TIGERS 7, BLUE JAYS 3

Toronto	ab	r	b	h	bi	Runs	ER	BB	SO
Reyes ss	4	1	2	1	0	5	2	1	0
McCarr lf	4	0	3	1	0	5	1	3	0
Bautist dh	4	0	0	0	0	5	3	4	4
Encarn lb	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1
Arnell c	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
Rasmus cf	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
Rdavis rf	3	0	0	0	0	4	1	2	1
Lind ph	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0
Mizus bs	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Bonifac 2b	4	1	1	0	0	4	0	1	0
Totals	35	3	8	3	0	39	7	7	7

E-M:Jraturis (2), LOB—Toronto 6, Detroit 12.
2B—Lind (1), Tor Hunter (3), Fielder (2), Tuiasosopo (1).
3B—Bonifacio (1), HR—Rasmus (3), Mi.Cabrera (1), Avila (2), BS—Reyes (3).

Morrow L-O-1 3/4
Cecil 1/2
E.Rogers 1/2
Oliver 1/2
E.Gonzalez 1/2

Umpires—Home, Jim Timpone; First, Dana DeMuth; Second, Angel Hernandez; Third, Doug Eddings. T—2:55. A—28,979 (41,255).

MIDWEST LEAGUE

EASTERN	W	L	PCT	GB
Bowling Green (Rays)	4	2	.667	—
South Bend (Diamondbacks)	4	2	.667	—
Fort Wayne (Padres)	3	2	.600	½
Lansing (Tigers)	3	2	.600	½
Great Lakes (Dodgers)	3	3	.500	1
Dayton (Reds)	2	4	.333	2
Lake County (Indians)	1	4	.200	2½
WESTERN	W	L	PCT	GB
Quad Cities (Astros)	5	1	.833	—
Cedar Rapids (Twins)	4	1	.800	½
Burlington (Angels)	3	3	.500	1
Peoria (Cardinals)	3	3	.500	1
Wisconsin (Brewers)	2	3	.400	2½
Beloit (Athletics)	2	4	.333	3
Clinton (Mariners)	2	4	.333	3
Kane County (Cubs)	2	4	.333	3

TUESDAY

Bowling Green 8, Lansing 3
Kane County 6, Clinton 5
South Bend 1, Dayton 0
Beloit 4, Peoria 1
Burlington 6, Quad Cities 4
Fort Wayne at West Michigan, p.m.
Cedar Rapids at Wisconsin, p.m.
Great Lakes (Dodgers), p.m.
Dayton at South Bend, late
Quad Cities at Burlington, late
Beloit at Peoria, late
Lansing at Bowling Green, late
Cedar Rapids at Wisconsin, late

WEDNESDAY

Clinton at Kane County, late
Lake County at Great Lakes, late
Lake County at Great Lakes, late
Fort Wayne at West Michigan, late
Cedar Rapids at Wisconsin, late
Dayton at South Bend, late
Quad Cities at Burlington, late
Beloit at Peoria, late
Lansing at Bowling Green, late
Cedar Rapids at Wisconsin, late

THURSDAY

Great Lakes at Dayton, 7 p.m.
Lake County at Fort Wayne, 7:05 p.m.
Burlington at Beloit, 7:30 p.m.
Cedar Rapids at Wisconsin, 7:35 p.m.
Peoria at Quad Cities, 8 p.m.
West Michigan at Bowling Green, 8:05 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Pittsburgh	40	30	10	0	60	132	98
N.Y. Islanders	40	20	16	4	44	117	120
N.Y. Rangers	39	19	14	6	42	96	94
New Jersey	39	15	14	10	42	92	106
Philadelphia	39	17	19	3	37	107	122
NORTHWEST	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	39	25	9	5	54	122	94
Boston	38	25	9	4	55	108	81
Toronto	39	22	13	4	48	121	109
Ottawa	39	19	14	6	44	96	88
Buffalo	40	16	18	6	38	106	122

SPORTS CALENDAR

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
 TOR 1:08 pm FSD	 at OAK 10:05 pm FSD	 at OAK 4:05 pm FSD	 at OAK 4:05 pm FSD	 at SEA 10:10 pm FSD	 at SEA 10:10 pm FSD	
 SJ 7:30 pm FSD	 at CHI 8:30 pm FSD+	 at NSH 7:30 pm FSD	 at NSH 7:30 pm FSD	 PHIL 7:30 pm FSD		
	 CHA 7:30 pm FSD					

SPORTS ON TV

TODAY

BASEBALL

1 p.m. — MLB: Toronto Blue Jays at Detroit Tigers. FSD

7 p.m. — Exhibition: Michigan State at Lansing Lugnuts. Big Ten Network

7 p.m. — MLB: Baltimore Orioles at Boston Red Sox. MLB Network

7:30 p.m. — College: South Carolina at Florida. ESPN

BASKETBALL
8 p.m. — NBA: New York Knicks at Chicago Bulls. TNT

10:30 — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at Golden State Warriors. TNT

GOLF

3 p.m. — Masters Tournament: First Round. ESPN

HOCKEY

4:30 p.m. — NCAA Frozen Four: UMass-Lowell vs. Yale. ESPN2

7:30 p.m. — NHL: San Jose Sharks at Detroit Red Wings. FSD

7:30 p.m. — NHL: Pittsburgh Penguins at Tampa Bay Lightning. NBC Sports Network

8 p.m. — NCAA Frozen Four: Quinnipiac vs. St. Cloud State. ESPN2

OTHER

11 p.m. — College Softball: California at UCLA. ESPN2

FRIDAY

AUTO RACING
12:30 p.m. — NASCAR Sprint Cup: Texas, Practice. Speed

SOUTHEAST

GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Washington 40 21 17 2 42 120 121
Winnipeg 41 20 19 2 42 102 112
Tampa Bay 39 17 21 2 36 124 116
Carolina 39 16 21 2 34 102 126
Florida 39 13 20 6 32 96 132

WESTERN CONFERENCE

GP W L OT Pts GF GA
x-Chicago 39 30 5 4 64 129 83
St. Louis 38 22 14 2 46 107 98
Detroit 39 19 15 5 43 99 104
Columbus 40 17 16 7 41 95 101
Nashville 41 15 18 8 38 96 110

NORTHWEST

GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Vancouver 39 22 11 6 50 105 95
Minnesota 39 20 12 7 47 98 98
Edmonton 39 16 16 7 39 101 108
Calgary 38 14 20 4 32 102 134
Colorado 39 12 22 5 29 90 124

PACIFIC

GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Anaheim 40 27 8 5 59 123 99
Los Angeles 40 22 14 4 48 115 101
San Jose 39 20 12 7 47 98 98
Dallas 39 19 17 3 41 109 118
Phoenix 39 17 16 6 40 105 106

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division

TUESDAY

N.Y. Islanders 4, Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh 5, Carolina 3
Columbus 4, San Jose 0
Washington 3, Montreal 2
Tampa Bay 3, Ottawa 2
St. Louis 1, Nashville 0
Chicago 1, Minnesota 0
Winnipeg 4, Buffalo 1
Los Angeles 1, Dallas 5

WEDNESDAY

Boston at New Jersey, late
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, late
Vancouver at Calgary, late
Phoenix at Edmonton, late
Colorado at Anaheim, late

THURSDAY

N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Ottawa at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m.

BLUES 1, RED WINGS 0

Sunday
St. Louis 0 1 0 0 1
Detroit 0 0 0 0 0

1st PERIOD—None. Penalties—Kindt, Det (interference), 17:01.
2nd PERIOD—1. St. Louis, Porter 2 (Bergrund, Jackman), 16:28. Penalties—Bergrund, STL (interference), 12:22; Backes, STL (tripping), 19:16.
3rd PERIOD—None. Penalties—Sobotka, STL (roughing), 3:46; Perron, STL (holding stick), 15:59; Zetterberg, Det (roughing), 15:59; Kronwall, Det (concealing puck), 17:52.
SHOTS ON GOAL—St. Louis 11-8-6-25, Detroit 7-13-8-28.

POWER-PLAY OPPORTUNITIES—St. Louis 0 of 2; Detroit 0 of 3.
GOALIES—St. Louis, Elliott 6-6-1 (28 shots-28 saves). Detroit, Howard 16-12-4 (25-24).
A—20,066 (20,066). T—2:26.
Referees—Dan O'Halloran, Paul Devorski. Linesmen—Derek Amell, Jay Sharrers.

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	H	A
y-New York	51	26	.662	—	29-10	22-16
x-Brooklyn	45	32	.584	6	24-15	21-17
x-Boston	40	37	.519	11	27-12	13-23
Philadelphia	46	40	.538	2	22-17	9-29
Toronto	30	48	.385	21½	18-20	12-28

SOUTHWEST

W L PCT GB H A
z-Miami 61 16 .792 — 34-4 27-12
x-Atlanta 42 36 .538 19½ 24-15 18-21
Washington 29 47 .382 32½ 22-17 7-32
Orlando 21 54 .281 42 18-21 10-21
Charlotte 18 60 .231 43½ 12-26 6-34

CENTRAL

W L PCT GB H A
y-Indiana 49 29 .628 — 30-9 19-20
x-Chicago 42 35 .546 6½ 22-17 20-18
x-Milwaukee 37 40 .481 11½ 21-19 16-21
Detroit 26 53 .333 33 16-23 10-29
Cleveland 24 53 .312 34½ 14-24 10-29

STATE SPORTS

Leyland dragging down Tigers

Manager might keep team from running away with AL Central

Two Huge questions of the week:

Are the Tigers as good as we all think they are?

Yes. What is scary, though, is that, a week into the season, Jim Leyland's fingerprints are all over this team.

I thought this roster was Leyland-proof, for the most part. He's back at it again, pulling starters early in the first two games, making questionable bullpen calls in three of the games and, for some reason, resting half of the lineup with Justin Verlander pitching Sunday.

What team needs rest a week into a season when they have two days off?

The Tigers split the first six games when I think they should've won five of them.

Leyland made last year more difficult than it

should've been. I sense he's going down that same path again in 2013.

Sure, some of you are screaming at me right now that it's

early, cold and there's a lot of baseball left to be played. I heard that last spring, and the Tigers almost missed the playoffs.

I'm not panicking. I just think Leyland is brutal at managing his pitching, and his throwaway Thursday and Sunday games tend to let other teams hang around in pennant races longer than they should.

This is a top-five payroll team. Nobody in the American League Central should be within 10 games of the Tigers at the end of the season.

The first six games of 2013 already show me Leyland will make this more of a division race than it has to be. He drives me nuts but keeps things interesting on and off the field.

The talent of the Tigers will prevail. Winning the World Series and getting Mr. Iltich a ring with a manager like Leyland is another story. Only the final Tigers box score of the year will tell me if I'm wrong on this.



Jim Leyland



BILL SIMONSON

HUGE OPINION

Why does run the women's hoops tourney run at the same time as the men's?

This is one of biggest knucklehead moves in sports. The smart play here is to own the month of February with the women's bracket.

You could build the hype and interest for the ladies hoopsters with bracket contests and TV coverage just like the NCAA has built up the men's tourney the past 30 years.

It's not a one-year move. You start it the week after the Super Bowl and run it up until the men's conference tournaments begin.

Contests, legal gambling and a slow sports month really provide an opportunity for the women's game to gain some much needed exposure.

Running it up against the men is just insane. The feminist side of college sports thinks the day is coming when the women's hoops tournament will be as big as the men's bracket.

That's not happening. The women tried the big domes like the men and went back to arenas for their Final Four and title game.

What they do now is just give eight of the schools home court advantage in the tournament because they can draw for their tourney games. When the others play there, nobody shows up.

I have daughters and believe they deserve an equal shot in sports. What is needed is common sense and insightful marketing to build the women's sports up to earn their place with the American sports fan.

Force feeding them to the public or riding the money train like the WNBA once did is only a precursor to professional female sports extinction.

Build a brand up with the sports fans away from the men's tournament with the elevation of play by the women, and I think they have a shot to grab a share of the sports marketplace.

If they keep competing against the men's tourney, it will never grow.

— Bill Simonson is host of "The Huge Show," a radio sports talk show broadcast statewide.

The king of the kick

DETROIT INDUCTS HANSON INTO 'PRIDE OF THE LIONS' RING OF HONOR

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ALLEN PARK — Former Detroit Lions kicker Jason Hanson wore a black suit and tie to his retirement ceremony Tuesday. It was an outfit that a person typically wears when it time to mourn.

Yes, there were some tears of sadness in Allen Park.

Yet, the majority of emotions were joyous.

It began when Lions president Tom Lewand interrupted his own opening speech and asked for Hanson's original helmet to be present among the three different ones he wore during his 21-year career. That is when Lewand unveiled a kicker's helmet that may have been from the Kennedy administration. Lewand's humor was subtle enough to send the crowd of Detroit's front office, coaches, players, family and media members into laughter.

Lewand then announced Hanson would be the 14th player inducted into the 'Pride of the Lions' ring of honor club this season. Detroit will have a ceremony at a home game this season to honor Hanson.

"It's fitting that we're taking something uncommon and making it a little more common, because that's what Jason did for 21 years," Lewand said. "He had an incredible ability to take what was uncommon and make it common."

Lewand was correct.

There was nothing common about Hanson's 21-year career.

Hanson made 495-of-601 field goals (82.4 percent) in 327 games. He made 67.4 percent of field goals 40-yards-or-more, 52-of-93 of field goals 50-or-more yards, plus 665-of-673 extra points. Hanson's career long was 56 yards, a mark he achieved twice.

"For a whole generation of Lions fans, there's been one kicker," Lions Vice-Chairman Bill Ford Jr. said. "That's true in my family as well. When I think of my children, my nieces and my nephews, they've known



Jason Hanson, left, and Detroit Lions head coach Jim Schwartz pose for a photo during a news conference Tuesday. Hanson, 42, is retiring after 21 seasons as kicker with the Lions.

one kicker. Fortunately, that kicker has been a wonderful person. As Tom (Lewand) said, we collectively have taken it for granted to a certain point because no matter how disappointing the season, you could always count on Jason Hanson to do his part, and then doing a little more. Yes, he kicked field goals short and long at a Hall of Fame rate.

"Many of you will remember, because it hasn't been very long, he has stepped in multiple times to be our punter, and was a terrific punter at that. Some of you will also remember there were times he seemed like he was our leading tackler on special teams. One of the things I always admired about Jason was a lot of kickers run at the returner and then make a show of diving at their feet, never quite getting there. No, not Jason.

"He would go full speed at the person and either take them down or drive them out of bounds and lead with the shoulder, and he did it time

and time again. He didn't have to. He was already an All Pro kicker, but that was the kind of leadership I will always remember from him."

Hanson spent most of his retirement ceremony joking, but went out of his way to make sure everyone understood he retired because of a heel injury and not because of a contract dispute.

"Every NFL season is member, emotionally, and physically draining, especially the unsuccessful ones," Hanson said. "The last few months after the season, I waited quite a few months before I started to train hard. As the spring started to come on, and the dead time after the season evaporated, I began to prepare. I started working out hard again. All the systems were kind of a go, except one, and that was my heel. While my heel pain has not been incapacitating, it was still bothering me. After all the rest, rehab and things that I had done, and realized that could be a problem. And it was just

worse after kicking. Part of me realized that lots of guys play hurt. I played hurt, and that's just the story of the NFL.

"I thought I could fight through it. I've done it before, but another side of me this time was really resisting the thought of doing it again, playing compromised and hurt."

"So eventually you get to the point where the team needs to make a decision, and I needed to make a decision, and I decided I didn't want to play hurt anymore. I didn't want to have any special running exercises and lifting while everybody else was doing their own thing. I didn't want to have to explain how come I wasn't kicking the ball hard today or why I needed a couple of extra days off. I wanted to play my best, and I decided to retire because I wasn't sure I could do that. That's how I came to the decision."

That is why today was a sad day in Allen Park.

Yet, it was also a joyous one.

Filppula hopes move to center will help

Red Wings looking for more offense

BY ANSAR KHAN
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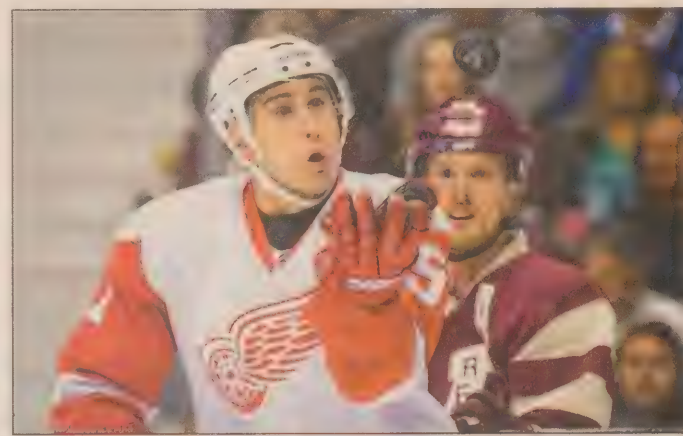
DETROIT — Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock hopes that moving Valtteri Filppula to center on the third line will boost his team's offense.

If anyone can use a spark, it's Filppula. After a breakout 2011-12 season, Filppula is experiencing his most frustrating season. He has only seven goals and 14 points in 32 games and has just one point (a goal) in his past 10 games.

"It's definitely been, points-wise, really a struggle this year," Filppula said. "We'll have to wait and see how that goes, if that helps."

UPDATE

Next game:
Detroit Red Wings vs. San Jose Sharks, 7:30 tonight at Joe Louis Arena
TV: FSD



Valtteri Filppula, shown in a game this season against the Vancouver Canucks, flourished on the wing in 2011-12 but has played center most of his career.

"I feel like I've been playing a lot and getting chances and the puck hasn't gone in this year. Obviously, there's still games left and we're fighting for a playoff spot, so hopefully I can do more to help the team."

Filppula has been playing the wing on a top-two line for the past two seasons. In Tuesday's practice, he centered a line with Damien Brunner and Daniel Cleary. Babcock said he'll use that line tonight against San Jose at Joe Louis Arena.

"By doing this we can

generate more offense," Babcock said. "We feel Fil, Brunner, Cleary, that's a pretty good line. Fil's been a good centerman for us. We like what Mule (Johan Franzen) has been doing (centering a line with Gustav Nyquist and Drew Miller) and we're just going to spread our lineup out and go a little bit deeper."

Filppula has played center most of his career.

"Center plays a little more

down low in your own end, so I have to be good defensively," Filppula said. "When you're a wing you have to be good defensively, too, but you do that a little more when you're playing center. I don't think I have to change too many things."

Filppula, who is in the final year of his contract, racked up career highs in goals (23) and points (66) last season, playing mostly with Henrik Zetterberg and Jiri Hudler.

Berry moves on after disappointing spring

Outfielder making best of things at Triple-A Toledo

BY CHRIS IOTT
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INDIANAPOLIS — Quintin Berry is not where he wants to be. But he knows it's important to shake off the disappointment of being sent by the Detroit Tigers to Triple-A Toledo, refocus on the task at hand and work hard to get back there.

Where he wants to be, obviously, is with the Tigers in the major leagues.

"I felt like I did what I wanted to do," Berry said Tuesday afternoon, recalling his efforts in Grapefruit League play while sitting in front of his stall in the visitors' clubhouse at Victory Field. "I had a little setback with my knee, but I got it under control, figured out how

to work with it. But I ended up doing really well, played multiple positions and played well defensively. I did pretty much all I could possibly do."

In the end, Berry's best wasn't good enough to make the opening day roster. But manager Jim Leyland had great things to say about Berry after he was sent out. Leyland stressed that 27 players deserved to make the team: the 25 who did, along with Berry and infielder Danny Worth, who also had an impressive spring.

Berry hit .323 (10-for-31) with a triple and an RBI in Grapefruit League play. He struck out seven times, drew six walks and finished with an .820 OPS.

Berry is hitting just .158 (3-for-19) through six games for the Mud Hens after going 0 for 3 with a walk Tuesday in a 3-2 loss to the Indianapolis Indians.

"You can't control anything but how you play," he said. "Once I kind of let that sink in there and, talking with my family and friends, it took a couple days, but coming here and playing with this group of guys and this coaching staff made it way easier."



Quintin Berry

Drummond learning pace of play

BY DAVID MAYO
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AUBURN HILLS — After a recent loss at Minnesota in which Andre Drummond played 30 minutes, the Detroit Pistons rookie said he paced himself in anticipation of extended playing time. He went on to say he had to learn to slow down because he plays "100 miles per hour every possession."

Their definitions of pacing might differ, but coach Lawrence Frank seemed not to want to hear the word when asked about Drummond's remark the next day.

"He can't pace himself," Frank said. "If you pace yourself, you're not going to be

effective."

Drummond, after starting quickly in games then having more lukewarm stints later, did the opposite against Minnesota, saying he "paced myself pretty well" and "didn't try to exhaust myself too quickly."

"I knew I was going to play a little more today, so I did the little things on the floor to keep myself going," he said.

Drummond subsequently added that he could play 30 minutes "any day" and that he just meant he knew Frank's rotation principles allowed

him to play at a different pace because "I knew when I was coming out of the game."

"I play 100 miles per hour every possession, so sometimes I need to learn how to slow down," Drummond said.

Frank has emphasized recently that the 19-year-old Drummond's next major jump will be playing extended minutes without valleys. The season ends next week, and Drummond still is playing himself into shape after seven weeks injured, so that transformation is primarily a summer project.

Frank said Drummond shouldn't be concerned with exhibiting fatigue and that to make the front-line mix of Drummond and Greg Monroe work, "we've got to make

UP NEXT

Next game:
Detroit at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m. Friday
TV: FSD

Note: Wednesday night's game at Cleveland ended too late for this edition. Go to MLive.com/pistons for results.



sure everyone's giving their maximum."

"With Andre, it's go as hard as you can, and when there's a dip, someone will go in there for you," Frank said. "To me, you go as hard as you can for as long as you can, then you get out. The goal isn't, 'Hey, I played 30 minutes.' The goal is to play as effectively as you can in the minutes that you're given."

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UConn routs Louisville

HUSKIES WIN EIGHTH WOMEN'S TITLE WITH 93-60 VICTORY OVER CARDINALS

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — His eighth national championship in hand, Geno Auriemma wanted to savor the moment and not talk about a dynasty just yet.

He had just tied Pat Summitt for the most titles in NCAA history and wasn't ready to discuss a repeat. Yet it's hard to not see the Huskies winning more titles with freshman Breanna Stewart and sophomore Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis leading the way.

"We feel like all we can go is up from here," said Mosqueda-Lewis, who scored 18 points. "We have so many young people and so many people with experience in a national championship game. That's only going to make us better."

A scary thought for the rest of women's college basketball.

Stewart scored 18 of her 23 points in a dazzling first half and Connecticut (35-4) rolled to a 93-60 rout of Louisville on Tuesday night, the most lopsided victory in a title game. It put the Huskies back atop college basketball after missing the championship game the past two years.

Auriemma has never lost the game in eight appearances.

"The only person I compare myself to is Pat Summitt and to be there in that spot with her means a lot to me," Auriemma said. "The fact that I tied Pat Summitt's record puts you in the category of the greatest women's basketball coach that ever lived."

And while Auriemma said he didn't want to look ahead, he added: "Stewie certainly is different than any other college player that's playing right now."

She certainly is. The freshman was unstoppable, hitting shots from almost everywhere to be selected the Most Outstanding Player for



Connecticut players celebrate as they carry coach Geno Auriemma after defeating Louisville 93-60 in the national championship game of the women's Final Four on Tuesday in New Orleans.

the Final Four. Stewart is only the fourth freshman to have that honor and the first since 1987.

"This is unbelievable," Stewart said. "This is what we've thought about since the beginning of the season. And now to be here and actually win it, it's a great feeling and I don't think it's going to set in for a while. I just played really confident and stopped thinking. When I second-guess myself, nothing good comes out of that."

After Auriemma cut down the final strand of the net, his team carried him around the court in celebration. Summitt, who stepped down a year ago and suffers from early-onset dementia, released a statement through her son, Tyler.

"Congratulations to Geno Auriemma and the Connecticut Huskies on a remarkable season and an eighth national title," she said. "Geno is a

proven champion and a leader in our game. My best to him, his family, his team and staff."

The loss ended an unprecedented tournament run by Louisville. The Cardinals became the first No. 5 seed to make the championship game, pulling off the greatest upset in tournament history when they beat Brittney Griner and Baylor in the regional semifinals.

"The run we went on was remarkable and something I'll always remember" Louisville coach Jeff Walz said. "We're walking out with our head high and proud of what we've done."

The Cardinals just didn't have enough to beat their Big East foe. Louisville was trying to become just the second school to win both the men's and women's championship in the same season and the first since UConn in 2004.

It wasn't to be. Instead, the

trip to the Big Easy marked the beginning of the Stewart era.

Stewart finished with 104 points in only five games — she missed the first-round out of Idaho to rest a sore calf — the most by any first-year player since 2000. UConn's Maya Moore held the previous mark with 93 points.

The 6-foot-4 star had a performance reminiscent of two of the all-time greats. As freshmen, Cheryl Miller guided USC to a title in 1983 and Chamique Holdsclaw led Tennessee to a championship in 1996. Stewart accomplished something in her first season that UConn greats Rebecca Lobo, Sue Bird, Diana Taurasi and Moore never did — win a championship.

The Syracuse native scored seven points during the pivotal 19-0 run that turned a four-point deficit into a double-digit lead and put the Cardinals in a hole they couldn't climb out of.

Frozen Four set to take center stage

Pittsburgh hosting college hockey finals

BY WILL GRAVES
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — The Robert Morris logo will be unmistakable on the Consol Energy Center ice this weekend, a red, white and blue reminder to the thousands of college hockey fans expected to descend on Pittsburgh for the NCAA's Frozen Four that the Steel City's love of the game goes far beyond Mario Lemieux and Sidney Crosby.

It will be a milestone of sorts for a program that didn't exist a decade ago.

It will also be highly visible evidence of hockey's strengthening foothold in western Pennsylvania, one that could one day soon rival the hotbeds in places, such as Detroit, Minnesota and New England.

From a burgeoning youth scene — try finding a rink within an hour's drive of downtown that isn't packed on a given night — to an ever-expanding crop of proven young talent dotting college and professional rosters to a Division I program that nearly made its first NCAA tournament this spring, the fastest game on ice is sizzling in a place where football has long been king.

"It's becoming the eye of the storm," said former NHL defenseman Dave Hanson, who has watched the sport's growth in the area since taking over as executive director of the Island

Sports Center in 1998, one of the many ice hockey facilities that have sprouted up over the last 20 years.

No offense to Frozen Four finalists Quinnipiac, Yale, St. Cloud State or UMass Lowell, organizers hope in some way the true star of college hockey's crown jewel may be the city the game nearly abandoned.

For all of Lemieux's magnificence, hockey was dying in 2003. The Penguins were bankrupt, struggling and threatening to move if a replacement for decaying Mellon Arena could not be found. The NHL lockout soon followed in 2004, and the interest in hockey that flourished during Lemieux's prime began to dwindle.

"It went from a sprinter's pace to a snail's pace," Hanson said.

Yet, Robert Morris pressed on with its plan to bring college hockey's highest level to the area. Coach Derek Schooley crisscrossed the continent to sell talented high schoolers on a vision of starting something he insisted would be competitive sooner rather than later.

It wasn't always easy. Crowds at the Island Sports Center for Colonials home games during those first few years were a modest gathering of family and friends. The lack of local talent was obvious. Things improved, but not quickly.

Then, Sidney Crosby came along. And Evgeni Malkin. They were teens when they were selected by the Penguins in the NHL draft.

"They made it cool," Schooley said. "Everybody wants to play now."

More than 13,000 out-of-town visitors are expected to cram the arena this weekend.

"It just continues to grow," Hanson said. "Pittsburgh is really starting to make its mark, and this is a great chance to showcase that."

ON AIR

Frozen Four semifinals:
Yale vs. UMass-Lowell;
St. Cloud State vs. Quinnipiac,
4:30 and 8 p.m. today
on ESPN2

WEATHER

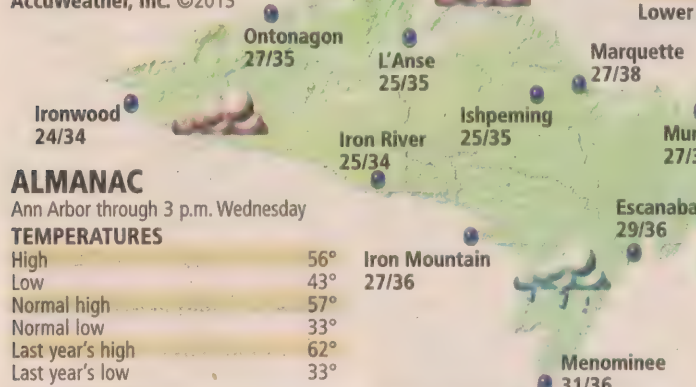
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Rain; windy and chilly	Cloudy and chilly with a shower	Some sun with a shower; chilly	Mostly cloudy	Mainly cloudy, a shower possible
Wind: E 12-25 mph	Wind: WSW 10-20 mph	Wind: W 7-14 mph	Wind: WSW 7-14 mph	Wind: E 6-12 mph

MICHIGAN FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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Ann Arbor through 3 p.m. Wednesday

TEMPERATURES

High 56°
Low 43°
Normal high 57°
Normal low 33°
Last year's high 62°
Last year's low 33°

PRECIPITATION

24 hours through 3 p.m. Wed. Trace
Month to date 0.18"
Normal month to date 0.80"
Year to date 5.95"
Normal year to date 6.18"

HUMIDITY

Wednesday's high / low 88% / 66%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:02 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:11 p.m.
Moonrise today 6:58 a.m.
Moonset today 8:48 p.m.

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TODAY IN WEATHER HISTORY™

A swarm of 37 tornadoes swept across the Midwest on April 11, 1965, from Iowa to Ohio. Nearly 300 people were killed and 3,000 others injured.

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Q: What is the troposphere?

A: The lowest layer of the atmosphere where our weather occurs.

Source: Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality

RIVER LEVELS

Levels in feet Wednesday at 7 a.m.

River	Location	Flood Stage	Level	24 hour Change
Huron River	Ann Arbor	9	12.25	+0.02
	Hamburg	6.5	3.84	+0.03
	near New Hudson	—	1.09	-0.28
Lower Rouge River	Inkster	10	3.58	+0.06

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POLLEN INDEX WEDNESDAY

Trees absent
Grass absent
Weeds low
Molds moderate

Source: NAB

AIR QUALITY INDEX

Today's forecast

Wednesday

good moderate unhealthy for sensitive very unhealthy hazardous

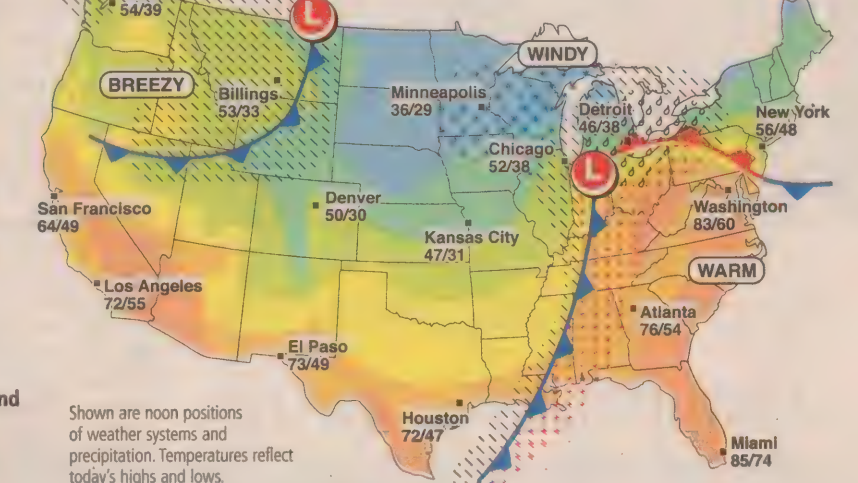
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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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T-storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperatures reflect today's highs and lows.

NATIONAL CITIES

CITY	THU.	FRI.	CITY	THU.	FRI.	CITY	THU.	FRI.
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Anchorage	30/16f	33/15f	Des Moines	46/30f	46/29f	Orlando	85/69f	86/66f
Asheville	73/54f	70/39f	Helena	55/34f	51/26f	Philadelphia	68/51f	64/46f
Atlanta	76/54f	72/46f	Honolulu	84/71f	83/67f	Phoenix	85/62f	87/63f
Atlantic City	56/49f	57/47f	Houston	72/47f	77/53f	Pittsburgh	76/54f	59/39f
Baltimore	77/56f	70/46f	Indianapolis	68/40f	52/33f	Portland, ME	48/33f	41/35f
Birmingham	73/48f	72/43f	Kansas City	47/31f	51/31f	Portland, OR	58/39f	59/43f
Bismarck	39/24f	45/26f	Las Vegas	81/61f	80/45f	Raleigh	81/65f	79/46f
Boise	60/36f	63/48f	Little Rock	64/43f	69/44f	Reno	67/39f	72/43f
Boston	46/37f	46/39f	Los Angeles	72/55f	75/55f	Richmond	85/64f	81/50f
Brownsville	78/58f	81/65f	Louisville	72/46f	69/40f	St. Louis	54/37f	53/36f
Buffalo	39/26f	49/34f	Memphis	65/46f	67/46f	Salt Lake City	56/38f	61/45f
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Chicago	52/38f	48/33f	New Orleans	70/45f	66/39f	San Juan, PR	87/75f	87/75f
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Cleveland	62/47f	53/33f	Rio de Janeiro	84/73f	88/76f	Tampa	84/71f	83/66f
Columbus, OH	72/48f	56/39f	Warsaw	82/64f	76/53f	Tucson	79/50f	83/53f
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Athens	72/54f	72/54f	Kabul	72/46f	71/49f	Rome	65/53f	68/48f
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Beijing	63/27f	73/46f	London	52/41f	59/42f	Singapore	92/79f	91/79f
Berlin	54/47f	56/42f	Madrid	63/43f	64/41f	Stockholm	39/34f	41/34f
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Bogota	69/51f	65/49f	Mexico City	82/48f	81/48f	Taipei	72/62f	70/63f
Buenos Aires	72/59f	68/50f	Montreal	37/30f	34/30f	Tel Aviv	69/54f	71/55f
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Dublin	48/42f	50/38f	Paris	54/44f	58/43f	Toronto	34/33f	44/31f
Hong Kong	73/64f	75/66f	Rio de Janeiro	84/73f	88/76f	Vancouver	52/39f	52/41f
Jakarta	90/78f	90/78f				Warsaw	53/39f	59/41f

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice



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LEAVING A LEGACY

**MICHIGAN'S
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INSIDE

A look back at Michigan's season:

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Trey Burke and the Michigan Wolverines finished the season as NCAA runner-ups with a 31-8 record.

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Top seven for No. 3

A LOOK BACK AT THE BEST MOMENTS FROM TREY BURKE'S MAGICAL 2012-13 SEASON



Michigan's Trey Burke goes up for a shot during overtime against Kansas at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, on March 29.

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BY THE NUMBERS

Leading the way

Trey Burke's game-by-game statistics for the 2012-13 season:

OPPONENT	POINTS	ASSISTS	RESULT
SLIPPERY ROCK	21	8	W, 100-62
IUPUI	22	9	W, 91-54
CLEVELAND ST.	12	7	W, 77-47
PITTSBURGH	17	6	W, 67-62
KANSAS STATE	10	4	W, 71-57
NC STATE	18	11	W, 79-72
BRADLEY	16	5	W, 74-66
WESTERN MICHIGAN	20	7	W, 73-41
ARKANSAS	16	7	W, 80-67
BINGHAMTON	19	5	W, 67-39
WEST VIRGINIA	27	8	W, 81-66
EASTERN MICHIGAN	11	8	W, 93-54
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	22	11	W, 88-73
NORTHWESTERN	23	5	W, 94-66
IOWA	19	12	W, 95-67
NEBRASKA	18	3	W, 62-47
OHIO STATE	15	4	L, 56-53
MINNESOTA	18	9	W, 83-75
PURDUE	15	8	W, 68-53
ILLINOIS	19	5	W, 74-60
NEBRASKA	18	8	W, 68-46
INDIANA	25	8	L, 81-73
OHIO STATE	16	8	W, 76-74
WISCONSIN	19	4	L, 65-62
MICHIGAN STATE	18	4	L, 75-52
PENN STATE	29	5	W, 79-71
ILLINOIS	26	8	W, 71-58
PENN STATE	18	6	L, 84-78
MICHIGAN STATE	21	8	W, 58-57
PURDUE	26	7	W, 80-75
INDIANA	20	4	L, 72-71
BIG TEN TOURNAMENT			
PENN STATE	21	3	W, 83-66
WISCONSIN	19	7	L, 68-59
NCAA TOURNAMENT			
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	6	7	W, 71-56
VCU	18	7	W, 78-53
KANSAS	23	10	W, 87-85
FLORIDA	15	7	W, 79-59
SYRACUSE	7	4	W, 61-56
LOUISVILLE	24	3	L, 82-76

Trey Burke's trophy case has gotten awfully full this month. Burke, Michigan's sophomore point guard, was named a consensus All-American and also became the school's second AP national player of the year Wednesday.

He won the Oscar Robertson and Wooden Awards on Friday, and on Sunday, he claimed the Naismith Award — giving him a clean sweep of every national MVP honor this year.

On top of that, he has a national championship in his back pocket.

Is Trey Burke the best point guard Michigan has had? That's certainly an interesting debate.

But, while you mull it over, here is Burke's seven best moments of 2012-13 — which was, for him, truly a year to remember.

No. 7 — Scorching WVU in Brooklyn

If there was one game that put Burke on the map in terms of national player of the year honors, it was a thorough pounding of West Virginia in Brooklyn on Dec. 15.

Burke was masterful against the overmatched Mountaineers, going for 27 points, eight assists and five rebounds on 12-of-16 shooting.

He also didn't turn over the ball — not once.

He only took two 3's, and no one ever came close to guarding him. On that night, in an NBA arena, Burke



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looked like a pro — and WVU looked like a high school team.

"He is terrific," West Virginia coach Bob Huggins said. "He makes the right pass. He goes 12 for 16, that's good. But he passes the ball to the right guy. ... Trey gets the ball to the right guy seemingly every time."

No. 6 — Big 11-game stretch

From Nov. 27 to Jan. 9, Trey Burke was as close to perfect as a point guard can get.

Burke put up a staggering 75 assists vs. 12 turnovers during an 11-game stretch, guiding Michigan to victories in every one of those contests.

During that run, Burke averaged 18.1 points, 6.8 assists and 1.09 turnovers per game — staggering numbers from a remarkably consistent player.

No. 5 — He comes back

It was a simple message — I'm coming back to school.

But for Michigan, it meant everything.

The Wolverines certainly had enough talent to make an NCAA tournament run without Burke in their lineup, but it would've been tight. And, there's no way this would have been a Final Four team.

Burke's decision to return was mutually beneficial for both parties — a true success story. Burke became a markedly better player and a college superstar, and Michigan made the Final Four.

Can't draw it up much better than that.

No. 4 — Burke blocks Craft

After missing a shot at the end of regulation that could have won the game and then coughing up a costly turnover late in overtime, Burke proved he can play a little defense, too, even against Aaron Craft.

During a home win over Ohio State in February, the sophomore point guard raced the entire length of the floor to strip Craft of a sure-fire layup and then blocked his shot and preserve Michigan's lead in an eventual 76-74 overtime win over the Buckeyes.

"I was going to go get it back," Burke said after his turnover. "I ran like my life was depending on it."

"I was going to go get it back. ... Some way, I was going to get the ball back."

No. 3 — The second half at Purdue

In early March, Michigan was not a great basketball team.

The Wolverines finished the regular season with a 25-6 record, but it could have been a lot worse if not for Burke. Take the Purdue game March 6 in West Lafayette.

He had just four points at halftime, and Michigan trailed by 12 in the second half. But the sophomore star scored 15 of 20 Michigan points during a 20-8 run to reclaim the lead late.

He finished with 26 points, seven assists and five rebounds — and probably a sore back from carrying his team.

No. 2 — Robbing Michigan State

Michigan's home game against Michigan State in early March wasn't win-or-go-home, but it was as close to a must-win as a regular-season game gets.

The Wolverines were embarrassed against the Spartans in February and needed to find some

mojo after a brutal upset loss at Penn State just days earlier. They needed something to go right.

Burke, naturally, made it happen. Not only did he go for 21 points and eight assists, completely controlling the game with the ball in his hands, but he helped Michigan avoid a complete collapse with a last-minute steal and game-winning dunk.

"He was incredible," coach John Beilein said. "The game is going into overtime — that would be the good news at that point, right? ... And all of the sudden, I take my eyes off it for a second to see their formation, and there's Trey going down to the other end."

No. 1 — The Shot

Rumeal Robinson's free throws in the 1989 national title game might have been bigger shots, but only because they directly resulted in a ring.

But Burke's 35-foot heave against Kansas at the end of regulation truly was something to behold. The sophomore point guard helped the Wolverines climb back from a 10-point deficit in the final three minutes to push on to the Elite Eight.

Burke scored all 23 of his points after halftime and saved the day with a long-range bomb just before the regulation horn.

It'll be a shot that gets replayed for years around Ann Arbor and probably across the country, too.

A massive moment, an "iconic" shot, if you will.

"Before he shot it, I was like, 'He's making this, he's due,'" senior captain Josh Bartelstein said. "That's an iconic shot. That will be in Michigan lore for a long time."

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McGary remembers his father's words as he handles growing fame

Freshman's numbers
pick up in tournament
— so does the attention

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ATLANTA — Mitch McGary returned to the locker room after destroying Florida in the Elite Eight to find 60 texts already waiting for him. More were rolling in as he spoke with a reporter.

Friends from around the country were offering the Michigan freshman congratulations after he became one of the NCAA tournament's biggest stars and bidding him well in the Final Four.

They spanned from Chesterton, Ind., where he grew up, to New Hampshire, where he attended private school. And, of course, back to Ann Arbor — friends, classmates, fellow athletes all were chiming in.

Even a cab driver. "Kenny The Cab Driver texted me!" McGary exclaimed with boyish enthusiasm. "Kenny The Cab Driver's the man!"



Michigan freshman Mitch McGary smiles as he revs up the crowd March 31 before cutting a piece of the net after Michigan beat Florida to win the South Regional final and advance to the Final Four.

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Wait, why does an Ann Arbor cab driver have McGary's number?

Turns out, McGary got a ride with Kenny The Cab Driver last year with former players Zack Novak and Stu Douglass, as well as current captain Josh Bartelstein, and liked that he blared rap for them.

McGary got his number, and now, whenever he needs a lift

around town, he hits up Kenny The Cab Driver. And, when McGary advanced to the Final Four, Kenny The Cab Driver hit him up.

"Good job, my man," he texted McGary. "God bless you. Now let's win it all."

That's what it has been like for McGary. He can't leave his dorm room without being deluged by well-wishers and

autograph seekers, as the Wolverines made their best March run in two decades and McGary blossomed into one of the tournament's biggest stars.

He came off the bench for most of the season but overtook junior Jordan Morgan against South Dakota State and scored 13 points to go along with nine rebounds.

McGary followed with a double-double of 21 points and 14 boards against VCU, then wrecked Kansas All-American candidate Jeff Withey to the tune of 25 points and 14 rebounds — becoming the first Michigan player since Robert Traylor in 1998 with back-to-back tournament double-doubles.

Now, McGary has become the center of attention wherever he goes. Even on a team stacked with NBA talent, his media scrums often are second only to star point guard Trey Burke.

That's a lot for a freshman to deal with. How's he handling it? Thinking about the words of his father.

"My dad always said stay level-headed, stay humble, stay hungry — and if I get cocky, he's going to teach me a lesson when I get home," McGary said, and it didn't seem like he was joking. "A lot of people want pictures and autographs, but I just try to stay level-headed, modest, humble."

"That's the way I was raised. I'm not going to be flashy, try to show out, like, 'Hey, I'm Mitch McGary.' Try to stay low key — try to stay incognito, I guess."

How does he stay incognito at 6-foot-10?

"I really don't," he said with a smile. "I just wear normal clothing. I like to dress up sometimes. When I go to class, I like to represent the team and everything, but I like to stay out of the picture. Still be a kid."

McGary is used to the spotlight, after becoming one of the most prized recruits of last summer — his decision to attend Michigan was broadcast by ESPN. But the scrutiny heightened to an all-time high during Michigan's memorable postseason run.

He was the Wolverines' most consistent player, averaging 14.3 points and 10.7 rebounds in the NCAA tournament. McGary is doing his best to remain grounded. The key to blocking out all the noise, he said, is to remember what got him here. And it wasn't him.

"I know a lot of teams are going to key on Trey and Tim (Hardaway Jr.), our big scorers, so I'm able to get easy looks because of them," McGary said. "I'm just riding off them."

McGary is hitching a lot of rides these days. But don't let him fool you — he took the wheel in this tournament, and even Kenny The Cab Driver is impressed.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BASKETBALL

From Cazzie to the Fab Five to Trey and the 'Fresh Five' A LOOK AT U-M'S FINAL FOUR TEAMS

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ANN ARBOR — Michigan's 20-year Final Four drought ended this season. The 2012-13 Wolverines were led by sophomore star Trey Burke, junior sharpshooter Tim Hardaway Jr. and five talented freshmen.

Michigan was back in the Final Four for the first time since 1993, and the program is back on the big stage for the seventh time in its history.

Here's a look back at the Final Four squads:

1963-64

Record: 23-5 (11-3, Big Ten Conference co-champions)

Fate: Lost in national semifinals to Duke, beat Kansas State in consolation game

NCAA seed: N/A (Midwest Regional champions)

Coach: Dave Strack

Leading scorers: Cazzie Russell (24.8 ppg), Bill Buntin (23.2), Oliver Darden (10.1)

Captain: Bob Cantrell

How they got there: Led by Russell and Buntin, who combined to score 1,297 points, the 1963-64 Wolverines scored wins over Loyola (Chicago) and Ohio University in the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament before squaring off with Duke — a team it had beaten by 14 earlier in the season — in the national semifinals. The team was ranked as high as No. 2 nationally, and the season served as a coming-out party for Russell — arguably the best player in school history.

How it ended: Russell and Buntin combined for 50 points, but the Wolverines fell to Duke 91-80. Michigan fell behind by nine at halftime and allowed the Blue Devils to rack up 48 points before halftime. Duke fell to UCLA in the national title game.

1964-65

Record: 24-4 (13-1, Big Ten champions)

Fate: Lost to UCLA in the national championship game

NCAA seed: N/A (Midwest Regional champions)

Coach: Strack

Leading scorers: Russell (25.7), Buntin (20.1), Darden (12.9), Larry Tregoning (11.1)

Captain: Tregoning

How they got there: After bringing back the core of its 1964 Final Four squad, the '65 Wolverines

— again led by Russell and Buntin — rose to No. 1 nationally and rolled through the Big Ten for an outright title. **How it ended:** Michigan hammered Princeton 93-76 in the national semifinals, setting up a game with UCLA in the national final. The Bruins, as they usually did in those days, won their second of nine straight NCAA championships with a 91-80 win. UCLA's Gail Goodrich scored 42 points in the final.

1975-76

Record: 25-7 (14-4, second in Big Ten)

Fate: Lost to Indiana in the national championship game

NCAA seed: N/A (Midwest Regional champions)

Coach: Johnny Orr

Leading scorers: Rickey Green (19.9), Phil Hubbard (15.1), John Robinson (14), Wayman Britt (10.9), Steve Grote (10.5)

Captain: Britt

How they got there: A solid team throughout the regular season, Michigan gave unbeaten Indiana a scare twice during the year — losing by six on the road and by five in overtime at home — but never were ranked higher than No. 11. Once the NCAA tournament began, though, Michigan started to peak — knocking off ranked foes in Notre Dame, Missouri and Rutgers to reach the national championship game.

How it ended: Michigan squared off with unbeaten Indiana again in the national finals — and this time, it wasn't close. The Hoosiers dominated the game, running away from Michigan 86-68. Bob Knight's 1976 Indiana team is the last NCAA Division I squad to finish a year undefeated.

1988-89

Record: 30-7 (12-6, third in Big Ten)

Fate: Won NCAA championship

NCAA seed: No. 3 (Southeast Regional champions)

Coach: Bill Frieder/Steve Fisher

Leading scorers: Glen Rice (25.6), Rumeal Robinson (14.9), Loy Vaught (12.6), Terry Mills (11.6), Sean Higgins (12.4)

Captains: Rice, Mark Hughes

How they got there: Bo Schembechler famously declared a "Michigan man would coach Michigan" in the NCAA tournament. And so, shortly after declaring he would be



Michigan's Rumeal Robinson leaps into the arms of teammate Glen Rice after the Wolverines won the NCCA championship April 3, 1989, in Seattle. Below left, Cazzie Russell led the Wolverines to the Final Four in back-to-back seasons. Below right, Michigan's Chris Webber drives past Duke's Christian Laettner during the 1992 national championship game.

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off to Arizona

State at season's end, Frieder was fired, and Fisher stepped up to the plate. Fisher led Michigan on a memorable ride through the NCAA tournament, a run that saw Rice score a still-standing tournament record 184 points in six games.

How it ended: After getting revenge over Illinois in the national semifinals, Michigan edged Seton Hall in overtime on two late-game free throws from Robinson — validating Fisher as a legitimate coach and giving the Wolverines their first NCAA title.

1991-92

Record: 25-9 (11-7, third in Big Ten)

Fate: Lost to Duke in NCAA championship game

NCAA seed: No. 6 (Southeast Regional champions)

Coach: Fisher

Leading scorers: Jalen Rose (17.6), Chris Webber (15.5), Juwan Howard (11.1)

Captain: Freddie Hunter

How they got there: The Fab Five burst onto the scene at the start of the 1991 season and never went away. The Wolverines talked trash, dunked and swaggered their way through the NCAA tournament, getting three wins (Oklahoma State, Ohio State, Cincinnati) by less than five points, and into the national championship game against defending national champion Duke — a team it narrowly lost to earlier in the year.

How it ended:

Michigan led by one at halftime but was completely overmatched by the Blue Devils in the second half, losing 71-51. The game ended in a loss, but the Fab Five already had achieved rock-star status.

1992-93

Record: 31-5 (15-3, second in Big Ten)

Fate: Lost to North Carolina in the national championship game

NCAA seed: No. 1 (West Regional champions)

Coach: Fisher

Leading scorers: Webber (19.2), Rose (15.4), Howard (14.6), Jimmy King (10.8), Ray Jackson (9.0)

Captain: Fisher chose on a game-by-game basis

How they got there: The Fab Five's second year was a dominant one. Webber blossomed into a force in the paint, and the rest of the Wolverines flexed their muscles for most of the year, averaging 81.9 points per game on their way to 31 victories.

How it ended: Michigan thought it had beaten a monster in the national semifinals

when it squeaked out a three-point win over Kentucky in the national semifinals and went blow-for-blow with North Carolina in the championship game. But Webber ultimately collapsed late — calling for his infamous timeout — and the rest is history. Michigan's 1992 and 1993 Final Four teams eventually were wiped out because of sanctions, and Webber was disassociated from the school for his role in the Ed Martin scandal. The '92 and '93 Final Four banners are in storage and do not hang from the Crisler Center rafters.

2012-13

Record: 30-7 (12-6, tied for fourth in Big Ten)

Fate: Lost to Louisville in the national championship game

NCAA seed: No. 4 (South

Regional champions)

Coach: John Beilein

Leading scorers: Burke (18.8), Hardaway (14.6), Nik Stauskas (11.5), Glenn Robinson III (11.0).

Captains: Josh Bartelstein, Corey Person, Hardaway, Burke

How they got there: Behind consensus All-American point guard Burke, the Wolverines stormed out to a school-record 16-0 start, then elevated to No. 1 in the national polls after a 21-1 start. Michigan went 6-6 in its final 12 games before the NCAA tournament. But once the tourney began, freshman Mitch McGary turned into a behemoth and Burke hit the shot of a lifetime to slay Kansas in the Sweet 16. Two days later, the Wolverines slaughtered Florida by 20 to advance to their first Final Four in 20 years.

How it ended: Burke scored 24 points and little-used freshman Spike Albrecht added 17, but Louisville overcame a 12-point deficit and won its third NCAA title. It was the first Final Four appearance for John Beilein.

FACTS & FIGURES

2012-13 results

REGULAR SEASON

- Nov. 9: U-M 100, Slippery Rock 62
- Nov. 12: U-M 91, IUPUI 54
- Nov. 13: U-M 77, Cleveland State 47
- Nov. 21: U-M 67, Pittsburgh 62
- Nov. 23: U-M 71, Kansas State 57
- Nov. 27: U-M 79, NC State 72
- Dec. 1: U-M 74, Bradley 66
- Dec. 4: U-M 73, Western Michigan 41
- Dec. 8: U-M 80, Arkansas 67
- Dec. 11: U-M 67, Binghamton 39
- Dec. 15: U-M 73, West Virginia 66
- Dec. 20: U-M 93, Eastern Michigan 54
- Dec. 29: U-M 88, Central Michigan 73
- Jan. 3: U-M 94, Northwestern 66
- Jan. 6: U-M 95, Iowa 67
- Jan. 9: U-M 62, Nebraska 47
- Jan. 13: Ohio State 56, U-M 53
- Jan. 17: U-M 83, Minnesota 75
- Jan. 24: U-M 68, Purdue 53
- Jan. 27: U-M 74, Illinois 60
- Jan. 30: U-M 68, Northwestern 46
- Feb. 2: Indiana 81, U-M 73
- Feb. 5: U-M 76, Ohio State 74 (OT)
- Feb. 9: Wisconsin 65, U-M 62 (OT)
- Feb. 12: Michigan State 75, U-M 52
- Feb. 17: U-M 79, Penn State 71
- Feb. 24: U-M 71, Illinois 58
- Feb. 27: Penn State 84, U-M 78
- Mar. 3: U-M 58, Michigan State 57
- Mar. 6: U-M 80, Purdue 75
- Mar. 10: Indiana 72, U-M 71

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

- Mar. 14: U-M 83, Penn State 66
- Mar. 15: Wisconsin 68, U-M 59

NCAA TOURNAMENT

- Mar. 21: U-M 71, South Dakota St. 56
- Mar. 23: U-M 78, VCU 53
- Mar. 29: U-M 87, Kansas 85
- Mar. 31: U-M 79, Florida 59
- Apr. 6: U-M 61, Syracuse 56
- Apr. 8: Louisville 82, U-M 76

Team leaders

Through March 31:

POINTS PER GAME

TREY BURKE	18.8
TIM HARDAWAY JR.	14.6
NIK STAUSKAS	11.5
GLENN ROBINSON III	11.0
MITCH MCGARY	7.4
JORDAN MORGAN	4.7

REBOUNDS PER GAME

MCGARY	6.2
ROBINSON	5.5
HARDAWAY	4.6
MORGAN	4.5
BURKE	3.1
STAUSKAS	3.1

ASSISTS

BURKE	253
HARDAWAY	84
STAUSKAS	50
ROBINSON	41
SPIKE ALBRECHT	28
CARIS LEVERT	23

STEALS

BURKE	59
MCGARY	41
ROBINSON	39
HARDAWAY	25
STAUSKAS	20

BLOCKS

MCGARY	25
BURKE	18
HARDAWAY	17
JON HORFORD	16

FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 100 ATTEMPTS)

MCGARY	.605
MORGAN	.583
ROBINSON	.566
STAUSKAS	.471
BURKE	.464
HARDAWAY	.445

FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE (MIN. 25 ATTEMPTS)

STAUSKAS	.851
BURKE	.808
HARDAWAY	.695
ROBINSON	.670
MORGAN	.538
MCGARY	.457

3-POINTERS MADE

STAUSKAS	79
BURKE	72
HARDAWAY	70
ROBINSON	23
ALBRECHT	12
LEVERT	11

3-POINT PERCENTAGE (MIN. 25 ATTEMPTS)

ALBRECHT	.462
STAUSKAS	.449
HARDAWAY	.387
BURKE	.381
ROBINSON	.333
LEVERT	.282

Team statistics

Through March 31:

	U-M	OPPONENTS
TOTAL POINTS	2,795	2,329
POINTS PER GAME	75.5	62.9
FIELD GOALS-ATT	1,047-2,159	890-2,105
FIELD GOAL PCT	.485	.423
3-POINT FG-ATT	280-727	231-715
3-POINT FG PCT	.385	.323
3-PT FG MADE PER GAME	7.6	6.2
FREE THROWS-ATT	421-597	318-469
FREE THROW PCT	.705	.678
REBOUNDS	1,302	1,186
REBOUNDS PER GAME	35.2	32.1
ASSISTS	536	463
ASSISTS PER GAME	14.5	12.5
TURNOVERS	346	451
TURNOVERS PER GAME	9.4	12.2
STEALS	231	193
STEALS PER GAME	6.2	5.2
BLOCKS	103	117
BLOCKS PER GAME	2.8	3.2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME REPLAY: LOUISVILLE 82, MICHIGAN 76



Members of the Fab Five (from left) — Juwan Howard, Jimmy King, Ray Jackson and Jalen Rose (wearing Wolverine hat in back) — talk to fans in the Georgia Dome stands preparing for the start of Monday's national championship game.

Fab Five reunion kicks off title game

Webber watches championship game from Georgia Dome suite

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ATLANTA — One of the most popular questions before Monday's championship game at the Georgia Dome had nothing to do with predicting the final score. It was whether former

Michigan star Chris Webber would attend the Wolverines' game against Louisville.

CBS cameras captured Webber arriving at the Georgia Dome minutes before tipoff, wearing a Michigan beanie.

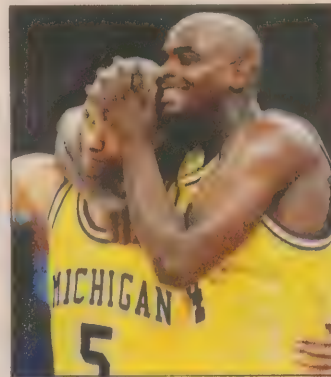
"I'm here at the Georgia Dome to show my support for the Michigan men's basketball team in its quest for a National Championship," Webber released in a statement via Twitter. "I've known some of the players on the team since they were kids and I am excited for them and all of the student athletes on the court

tonight who are wearing the Michigan uniform. It has been a great season and I wish them all the best."

Jalen Rose sat in the stands with former classmates Juwan Howard, Ray Jackson and Jimmy King, exchanging high-fives with the fans as Michigan opened a 33-21 lead.

Webber was said to be watching from a suite high above the Georgia Dome floor.

Michigan was in the national championship game for the first time since Webber and the rest of the Fab Five lost to North Carolina in 1993.



Chris Webber, right, and Jalen Rose, left, celebrate during the 1993 tournament.

Showing his mettle

BURKE HAS PUT IT ALL ON THE LINE FOR TWO SEASONS

BY NICK BAUMGARDNER
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ATLANTA — Trey Burke was a warrior right until the end.

With the Michigan basketball team desperate for anything in the closing moments of Monday's national championship loss to Louisville, the Wolverines' most tenacious player in 20 years did what he has done night-in and night-out over the past two years.

He gave it all he had.

Burke was knocked to the ground more than once, but he kept getting up. One tumble saw him plant directly on his face.

But he kept getting up.

"I was hurt, I hit my face on the ground, literally this time," he said after the loss. "I got dizzy."

"But I tried to get up ... my teammates needed me."

He went up high on a fast-break attempt by Louisville's Peyton Siva, to stuff the ball, but was called for the foul.

Burke responded with disbelief, but he kept on fighting.

Michigan has called on Burke a lot during the past two years, and he has delivered.

The sophomore point guard battled early foul trouble, and passed the keys over to Spike Albrecht for most of the first half, but he was still Michigan's best player.

He scored 23 points on 7 of 11 shooting, and as long as he was on the floor, Michigan felt like it had a chance.

For two seasons, as long as Burke was in the building, Michigan felt like it had a chance.

Burke played a school-record 1,378 minutes this season. Last year, he played 1,227. And every one featured all-out effort.

He has been the team's best player almost from the day he arrived on campus, and almost every day, he has acted like it.

Burke talks like a senior, he carries himself like a professional.

He nearly left for the NBA last season, but opted to return. Once he was back, it would have been easy for him to play this season with one foot in Ann Arbor and the other on a draft board.

But he didn't. He was 100 percent with Michigan, from

the minute he left the podium at the Player Development Center last season.

After losing the biggest game of his life, Burke still took time to answer every question with a thoughtful, honest and straightforward approach.

With Burke, what you see is what you get. The national player of the year, the Big Ten Player of the Year. The best point guard in the country. The face of Michigan's team.

Right until the end.

"In a couple days, in a week or two, we'll be able to look back on this season and see the type of success we've had, look at how far we've made it," Burke said. "We'll be able to grasp it then."

"You have to grow from this."

As for Burke individually, the future is still uncertain. He's basically a sure-fire NBA lottery pick if he opts to leave school early. And though he insists he hasn't made his decision, most believe the next game he plays will feature a paycheck at the end of it.

He didn't want to discuss his own future in detail Monday night, but he had no problem discussing Michigan's.

No matter who returns or leaves, Burke's confident this program will get back to Monday night in the not so distant future — one way or another.

"With the players we have, the type of relationships we have, this team will definitely be back in this situation," he said.

"With the type of talent this team has, it's capable of making another run."

"For myself, I'm not sure."

A year ago, Burke returned to school and said he planned on helping Michigan compete for a national championship.

People laughed at him. And he heard every one of them.

Twelve months later, no one's laughing.

Michigan fell short of its ultimate goal this season, but Burke — and the rest of his teammates — left the Georgia Dome with their heads up.

For Burke, it might have been for the final time.

And if that's the case, he'll have no regrets.

He was all-in for Michigan, giving everything he had until the final horn sounded.



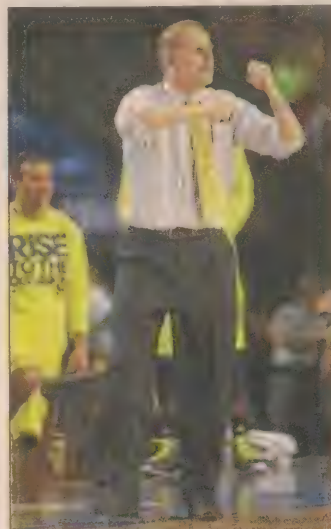
Michigan sophomore Trey Burke, left, is called for a foul as he blocks a shot by Louisville senior Peyton Siva during the second half of the national championship game. The play was one of several calls late in the game that went against the Wolverines.



Trey Burke flies through the air as he is fouled during the second half of the national championship game.



Tim Hardaway Jr. goes up for a dunk in the second half.



Left, coach John Beilein participates in his first Final Four. Above, the teams prepare for the opening tip.

Spike nearly steals the show

Reserve guard scores career-best 17 in first half

BY KYLE MEINKE
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ATLANTA — Trey Burke picked up his second foul midway through the first half against Louisville, and everyone knew what was coming next.

Michigan coach John Beilein doesn't play anyone who has two fouls in the first half. Even if it's the national player of the year. And even if it's the national championship game.

Spike Albrecht

So Burke headed to the bench, and the offense suddenly was in the hands of ... Spike Albrecht.

You know, the guy who was headed to Appalachian State until Michigan offered him last April when it appeared Burke might turn pro. The guy who averaged fewer than two points per game this year.

And he was facing Louisville, the country's second-greatest producer of turnovers.

No problem.

Albrecht poured in 17 first-half points, after scoring 22 in 18 Big Ten Conference games. He hit all four 3-pointers, after making nine in the regular season.

Michigan lost 82-76, but Albrecht's exploits helped keep the Wolverines in the game while Burke was saddled to the bench.

"In seriousness, Spike's a legend," sophomore forward Jon Horford said. "He's a damn good basketball player. He's picked up that confidence that Trey has — that killer instinct. You can look in someone's eyes a lot of times and you can tell if they're comfortable."

"I look at Spike's eyes, I see confidence."

Albrecht is a 5-foot-11 freshman from Crown Point, Ind. No one but the Michigan diehards knew that before the tournament, though.

He played sparingly throughout the season, averaging 7 minutes a game. His career high was seven points. He didn't hit multiple 3-pointers in a game until the Final Four.

He was listed under "Michael" on the official box score after the Syracuse game. It's his given name, although no one calls him that.

Albrecht suddenly was trending on Twitter.

Not in the U.S. Worldwide.

"That's cool," he said. "I'd much rather have a national championship, though."

"It wasn't a great night for me," he said. "I had a great first half that's it. It's really disappointing, the outcome."

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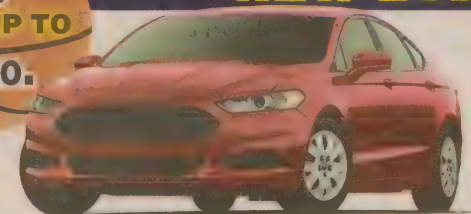
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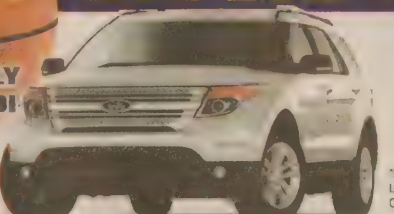
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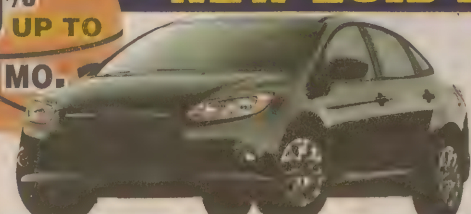
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STATE BRIEFS

Pistons
Maggette ready to return

Corey Maggette was expected to return to the Detroit Pistons lineup for Wednesday night's game against the Philadelphia 76ers. Maggette, who has been sidelined since straining his left calf Oct. 18 during a preseason game, went through his first full-contact practice Tuesday and declared himself fit to suit up. The Pistons entered the game 0-8.

— Pistons seek answers amid worst season start, B6



Corey Maggette

RED WINGS

Filppula injured

Detroit forward Valtteri Filppula suffered a sprained medial collateral ligament Tuesday while playing for Jokerit in a SM-liiga game in Finland. Filppula, 28, is coming off his best season, putting up career highs in goals (23) and points (66) for the Red Wings. He has six goals and 15 points in 15 games for Jokerit.

WOLVERINES

Clark sentenced

Michigan defensive end Frank Clark was sentenced Tuesday to one year of probation stemming from a felony second-degree home invasion charge. Clark pleaded guilty to the charge in September, acknowledging he stole an \$1,800 MacBook Air laptop from a Stockwell Hall roommate in June. Clark was suspended for one week of fall camp and missed Michigan's opener against Alabama.

TIGERS

Detroit gets Hunter

Free-agent outfielder Torii Hunter agreed to a two-year contract with the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday pending a physical, reported Ken Rosenthal of Foxsports.com. Hunter, 37, reportedly will sign a two-year contract worth \$26 million.



Torii Hunter

Hunter likely will hit second and play right field for the Tigers, who did not get the production they wanted from their corner outfielders. The team also could also could bat Hunter sixth behind designated hitter Victor Martinez. Hunter hit .313 with 16 home runs and 92 RBIs in 2012 for the Los Angeles Angels in the final year of a five-year, \$90 million contract.

— MLive.com

BY NICK BAUMGARDNER
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ANN ARBOR — Start spreading the news. Michigan's headed back to New York City.

Tim Hardaway Jr. had 17 points, and freshman Nik Stauskas added 15 as No. 5 Michigan blasted its way by Cleveland State 77-47 to officially punch its ticket in the NIT Season Tip-Off tournament semifinals.

The NIT semis will be held at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Michigan will play Pittsburgh, which defeated Lehigh in an East Regional game.

It will be Michigan's first trip to Madison Square Garden since playing in the 2k Sports Classic in 2008-09. Michigan last played at MSG in the Preseason NIT in 2004-05.

On Tuesday, the Wolverines barely broke a sweat against Cleveland State, starting the game on an 8-0 run and finishing the first half on a 23-4 spurt that put them up 28 points at the half.

Sophomore point guard Trey Burke finished with 12 points and seven assists for the Wolverines.

Michigan has outscored its three opponents 268-163 this season.

Highlights

- Mitch McGary played much better during Tuesday's first half, putting up six points and six rebounds before the break — while also drawing a charge. He ran the floor, converted a layup in transition and even showed some moves in the paint.
- Michigan's offense has been the main focus early on this season, but the defense definitely did its part early Tuesday — holding Cleveland State to 6-of-27 shooting in the first half.
- Michigan didn't need Hardaway or Burke to be superstars in this one — a very balanced effort. Eight of the nine players coach John Beilein used in his early-game rotation put points in the scoreboard — a very balanced attack.
- Celebrity-watch returned to Crisler Center on Tuesday, as injured Michigan senior quarterback Denard Robinson took in a portion of the game from the stands.

Big Apple-bound

MICHIGAN IMPROVES TO 3-0, ADVANCES IN NIT TOURNAMENT



Michigan guard Tim Hardaway Jr., center, drives between Cleveland State's Sebastian Douglas, left, and Devon Long during the first half of their NCAA college basketball game on Tuesday. The Wolverines improved to 3-0.

UP NEXT

Michigan vs. Iowa

Next game: Michigan vs. Iowa, noon Saturday at Michigan Stadium. TV: ESPN



Seniors look to bow out on high note

Michigan seniors eye first win against Iowa

BY KYLE MEINKE
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ANN ARBOR — The climate is right for Michigan to look past Iowa — which is 4-6 after dropping four straight games — to next week's matchup against unbeaten Ohio State.

Except for one thing: No current player has beaten the Hawkeyes.

None.

The seniors have one last shot to topple the Hawkeyes, and they can do it in their one last shot to play at Michigan Stadium. Rest assured, that's become a point of emphasis in team meetings this week.

"It shows what kind of team they are, and how well they're coached," senior center Elliott Mealer said. "It's a reminder we can't look past these guys."

Michigan (7-3, 5-1, ranked No. 23) hasn't beaten Iowa since posting a 20-6 victory on Oct. 21, 2006. That six-year drought is the Wolverines' longest against any Big Ten opponent.

They have lost three in a row in the series, including a 24-16 setback last year in Iowa City. The Hawkeyes rushed right at that formidable Michigan defense with success, as Marcus Coker racked up 132 yards.

The Wolverines had four shots at the end zone in the closing seconds, including one pass that Junior Hemingway caught but was ruled out of bounds, but couldn't convert.

"We've had struggles with them year in and year out," senior safety Jordan Kovacs said. "They're a tough football team, they run the ball downhill and (James) Vandenberg is a good quarterback, so we'll have our hands full."



Elliott Mealer



Jordan Kovacs

MORE

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Cabrera's numbers worthy of MVP vote

JAMES SCHMEHL
TIGERS

DETROIT — What Los Angeles Angels phenom Mike Trout accomplished in 139 games this past season was unmatched by anyone else in Major League Baseball.

The 21-year-old rookie was a sabermatician's dream, compiling a major league-high 10.7 Wins Above Replacement and finishing near the top of every offensive category.

But, it's what the American League Rookie of the Year didn't do the first month of the season that made Tigers third baseman Miguel Cabrera my American League MVP.

By no fault of his own,

Trout was stashed away in the Angels' Triple-A affiliate for the first 20 games. For whatever reason (flu-like symptoms or shoulder injury), it wasn't until April 28 that Trout was recalled by the Angels, who were off to a 6-14 start.

Upon his arrival, Los Angeles was a better team, finishing 80-56 with him in the lineup.

Simply put, Cabrera made a bigger impact because he played in 22 more games. In 161 games, he led the AL in home runs (44), runs batted in (139) and batting average (.330) for the major league's first Triple Crown winner in 45 years.

This season, I had a ballot for AL Rookie of the Year. I did not have an MVP vote. But if I had, this is how it would have looked:

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1. Miguel Cabrera, Detroit Tigers: Of course, the total number of games played isn't the sole basis of my argument. The impact a player makes down the stretch plays a role, too. And, what Cabrera accomplished late in the season, with the Triple Crown and playoff berth at stake, shouldn't be dismissed. In September, Cabrera hit 10 homers and led the AL with 27 RBIs.

2. Mike Trout, Los Angeles Angels: The center fielder had an on-base percentage of .399 as the team's leadoff hitter, and

chipped in with 83 RBIs. Had he made the club's Opening Day roster and received 90 additional plate appearances, there's no question in my mind that he would have been the greatest rookie of all time.

3. Adrian Beltre, Texas Rangers: Beltre hit .321 this season with 36 homers and 102 RBIs.

4. Robinson Cano, New York Yankees: Cano is sure to finish near the top of the voting, again, after hitting .313 with 33 homers.

Second five

5. Adam Jones, Baltimore
6. Justin Verlander, Detroit
7. David Price, Tampa Bay
8. Josh Hamilton, Texas
9. Derek Jeter, N.Y. Yankees
10. Fernando Rodney, Tampa Bay

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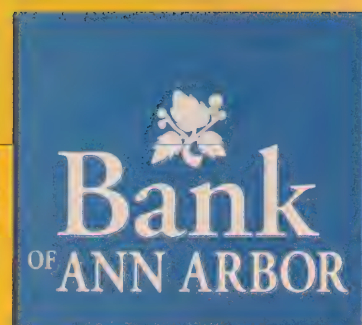


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WOLVERINES U-M to face ND in night game

Dust off the lights. The University of Michigan announced its Sept. 7 home football game against Notre Dame will be in prime time — a rematch of last year's game that Michigan won 35-31 after staging a 17-point fourth-quarter comeback. It was the first night game in Michigan Stadium history. The Wolverines will honor former great Tom Harmon as a Michigan Legend. Like other Legends, Harmon's No. 98 — which is retired — will be reissued. "He is one of the greatest athletes in school history and we are excited to celebrate all that he accomplished at Michigan," Brandon said in the statement. — Robinson's pro prospects likely as receiver, B3

RED WINGS Charity game set

Detroit defenseman Niklas Kronwall is one of several Red Wings expected to participate in the RBC Play Hockey Charity Challenge game Dec. 19 in Toronto. The game is being hosted by Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos and Montreal's P.K. Subban — the RBC Play Hockey ambassadors — as the NHL lockout continues. Meanwhile, NHL labor negotiations resumed Wednesday, with mediators rejoining the talks in an effort to save the hockey season. On Monday, the NHL canceled all games through Dec. 30.

LIONS Williams on IR

A day after Detroit Lions coach Jim Schwartz was asked if the team was considering shutting down Corey Williams, the defensive tackle was placed on injured reserve Tuesday. With the open roster spot, Detroit re-signed Andre Fluellen, according to the player's agent. Fluellen, a third-round draft pick by the Lions in 2008 out of Florida State, played four years with the organization before he was released before the start of this season. — Stafford defends throwing mechanics, B3

WOLVERINES Woodley joins PBA

LaMarr Woodley is trading football cleats for bowling shoes. The former Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker and Michigan star from Saginaw, is among the new owners involved in the PBA's Professional Bowling League. Woodley is the celebrity owner of the Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits. — MLive.com



NICK BAUMGARDNER
COLLEGE BASKETBALL

BEILEIN PROVES HE CAN RECRUIT, WIN WITH WOLVERINES

ANN ARBOR — There was never really any question that John Beilein knew how to coach. When Michigan hired Beilein away from West Virginia in 2007, he came with a reputation as a brilliant basketball mind that had seen success at every level he'd stopped at.

But he ran a funky system that was difficult for elite-level recruits to grasp and his teams were filled with finesse players who could hit 3-pointers, not thoroughbreds who could hit the glass and finish above the rim.

Would recruits ever buy into his concepts?

Would his teams ever be tough enough to hang with the big boys?

Would he ever get Michigan back to where its fan base believed it should be?

When Beilein received a contract extension from Michigan in 2010, his record as head coach of the Wolverines was 39-43, and all of those questions remained.

Since that time, though, Beilein — who recorded his 100th win at Michigan on Saturday against Arkansas — has gone 61-34. And though he's still looking for his first trip beyond the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament at Michigan, almost all of those early doubts seem to have been erased.

With assistants LaVall Jordan, Bacari Alexander and Jeff Meyer (who was promoted to full time in 2010), Beilein has recruited major talent to Ann Arbor.

Glenn Robinson III was a five-star prospect and Mitch McGary and Nik Stauskas were four-star talents. And together, all three are averaging 31.6 points and 14.8 rebounds per game.

Next season? More of the same. Zak Irvin, Derrick Walton and Mark Donnal are



Michigan guard Trey Burke, left, goes up for a basket as Binghamton's Taylor Johnston trails during Tuesday's 67-39 win at Crisler Center. Michigan is 10-0 for the first time since the 1988-89 season. Below, John Beilein recorded his 100th win Saturday, an 80-67 victory against Arkansas, and has the No. 3 Wolverines riding high.

UPDATE

Next game: No. 3 Michigan vs. West Virginia, 8 p.m. Saturday at Crisler Center TV: ESPN



top-100 four-star prospects, and all are expected to have an impact right away.

As for hanging with the big boys? He's done that, too.

Beilein didn't have major beef or depth in his lineup last season, but didn't need it. He guided the Wolverines to a share of their first Big Ten Conference title since 1986, an accomplishment that should be seen as a massive feather in his 35-year coaching cap.

This year? Michigan has beef. It has depth. It has an All-American point guard and enough talent to just roll out the basketballs and play.

Beilein has spent most of his career on the sidelines sweating out virtually every trip down the floor. This year, his talent and depth have allowed him to keep his trademark shirt sleeves unrolled a lot longer than normal.

The final part's the tricky



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one, though.

Michigan hasn't advanced past the Round of 32 under Beilein, and though it won a share of the conference last season, it was slaughtered by Ohio State in the league tournament before bowing out to upstart Ohio a week later.

This season, Michigan's gotten off to its best start (10-0) since its 1988-89 national championship season. Crisler Center has been filled almost every night, and the product on the floor features plenty of talent that will one day perform on the next level.

Nothing's set in stone, but through ten games, Michigan appears to have a roster that's more than capable of

making a Final Four run.

Six years and 100 wins ago, many wondered if Beilein would get Michigan back into the NCAA Tournament.

Now, those same people are wondering if he can get Michigan to win it.

Michigan's 2012-13 marathon is far from over, and its greatest tests are all still in front of it. There are still questions to be answered.

But when it comes to the big picture and Beilein, there's little doubt. He scored 100 wins the hard way, and seems to have set himself up to score the next 100 a lot easier.

Beilein's put Michigan back on the college basketball map. No question about it.

Return to his roots

Douglas appreciates chance to play at MSU, celebrate history

BY DIAMOND LEUNG
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EAST LANSING — Tuskegee basketball coach Leon Douglas got the call from Michigan State director of basketball operations Kevin Puga last summer, and heard the proposal that his Golden Tigers would come play in Jenison Field House to commemorate the "Game of Change."

"Even before he completed the sentence, I said 'Yes,'" Douglas said from Alabama. "I was ecstatic. First of all, to play a team with the magnitude of Michigan State is really a dream come true."

The invitation from Michigan State to play on Saturday also allowed Douglas to return to the place where he grew up as a basketball player and still calls home.

Douglas played the first four seasons of his NBA career with the Detroit Pistons, which selected the All-American center out of Alabama with the fourth overall pick of the 1976 draft.

In 1975, he played in the Pan American Games in Mexico City with future Michigan State coach Jud Heathcote serving as an assistant. Later, he would become a friend and mentor to Pistons rookie Greg Kelsey, who helped the Spartans win a national championship.

Douglas said he didn't become aware of the "Game of Change" until Michigan State told him about it.

"Once we got this game, I made sure they all read the press clippings," said Douglas. "And the significance of this event, that applies to what these young men are doing now in terms of opportunities and competing."



Leon Douglas

UPDATE

Hoops weekend

All games at Jenison Field House



Friday: Alumni Game, 7 p.m., featuring former Spartan All-Americans and members of the 1979 and 2000 Championship teams
Saturday: No. 17 MSU vs. Tuskegee, 9 p.m. on ESPN
Sunday: Michigan State women vs. IPFW, 2 p.m.
What: The events mark the 50th anniversary of the 1963 NCAA tournament game that took place at Jenison Field House, when Mississippi State had to sneak out to play a Loyola (Ill.) team that featured four black starters.

Honors continue to pile up for Lewan

Michigan lineman is AP All-American

BY KYLE MEINKE
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ANN ARBOR — Taylor Lewan is an All-American — again.

Michigan's junior left tackle was named an Associated Press first-team All-American on Tuesday, adding to his first-team haul. He already was named to the Walter Camp first team.

He also was named to multiple media All-America lists, including the first team by ESPN and Athlon Sports, and second team by CBSSports.com.

Lewan is the second consecutive Michigan offensive lineman to make the AP first team, following center David Molk last year. Both were named the Big Ten's Offensive Lineman of the Year.

Also of note making the AP first team is South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney, who is expected to match up against Lewan for much of the

Outback Bowl on Jan. 1 in Tampa, Fla.

Lewan is projected as a top-15 NFL draft pick if he elects to leave school after the season.

He has said he won't weigh the decision until after the bowl game.



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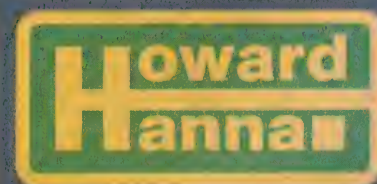
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The world got its first glimpse of the "Fresh Five" as the Wolverines rolled through the nonconference schedule, going a perfect 13-0, including a 15-point win against coach John Beilein's former school, the West Virginia Mountaineers.

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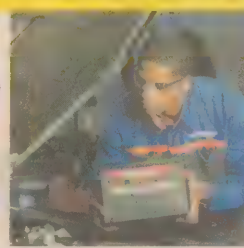
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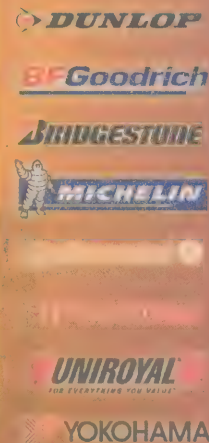
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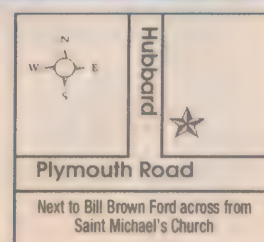
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RED WINGS
Schedule
to have variety

The 48-game NHL schedule, which will begin Jan. 19, will have more variety than originally was reported. According to The Canadian Press and tsn.ca, teams will play two division rivals five times each (10 games), two division rivals four times each (eight games) and the remaining 10 teams in their conference three times each (30 games). There will be no interconference games. Training camps are expected to open Sunday, following the ratification of the CBA.

Red Wings' Ian White says deal should have come quicker. **B5**

RED WINGS
Tribute on hold

The Detroit Red Wings' tribute to Nicklas Lidstrom, one of the greatest players in NHL history, will have to wait until next season. The club planned to raise Lidstrom's No. 5 jersey banner to the rafters at Joe Louis Arena during a pregame ceremony Feb. 5, as per the original NHL schedule, which has been scrapped. But the Red Wings, after consulting with Lidstrom, decided during the lockout to hold off on the ceremony until 2013-14.



Nicklas Lidstrom

WOLVERINES
Robinson to play

Former Michigan star Denard Robinson will compete in the Senior Bowl, according to a report. Robinson will be listed as a receiver and also is expected to play tailback, according to a tweet from Dave Birkett of the Detroit Free Press. The game, which is a showcase for senior NFL hopefuls, is Jan. 26 in Mobile, Ala. Robinson became the NCAA's all-time quarterback rushing leader (4,495 yards) this season.

The 10 most important players returning. **B3**

TIGERS
Reliever signs

Left-handed reliever Luke Sommer has signed a minor-league contract with the Detroit Tigers. Sommer, 27, is expected to provide organizational depth for the Tigers and should serve as bullpen depth in the upper levels, likely in Triple-A Toledo or Double-A Erie. Sommer pitched for Corendon Kinheim of the Dutch Baseball League last year.

Tigers discuss trade with Orioles, Cubs. **B5**
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BURKE
IS HAVING
A BALL

U-M guard says team's start has him enjoying the game more than ever

BY NICK BAUMGARDNER
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Last April, when Trey Burke said he was returning to Michigan to compete for a national championship, some people thought he was just caught up in the moment.

When he said it a second time a few weeks later, people thought he was bold but probably biting off a bit more than he could chew.

Now, after bludgeoning Iowa 95-67 on Sunday for a second straight 28-point Big Ten win to hit 15-0, Michigan is starting to look like the freight train Burke envisioned when he spurned the NBA for another year in school.

Undeclared, No. 2 in the country, completely on a roll? Anyone still wondering why he came back?

"I just knew, in the summertime when the freshmen came in and they were eager to learn, just by their talent level (that we'd be really good)," Burke said Sunday. "Once they learned the offense and learned the defense, I pretty much knew."

"We could do something special here."

Burke put together another stellar performance Sunday, posting 19 points and a career-high 12 assists, giving him an absurd assist-turnover ratio of 79-11 in his past 10 games.

And, Sunday, all the pieces he knew he'd be surrounded by this season did their part to prove him right once again.

Glenn Robinson III played above the rim, going for 20 points and 10 rebounds. Mitch McGary out-hustled just about everyone, finishing with 11 rebounds and three blocks. Tim Hardaway Jr. continued to evolve, going for 19 points, five rebounds and five assists.

Add all this up, and Burke can only smile. Fifteen games into his sophomore season, the Columbus, Ohio, native has no regrets about coming back — as he said this is the most fun he ever has had playing the game he has loved all his life.

"This is a team with chemistry on the court and off the court," Burke says. "We all bought in. And we all can play."

"I'm talking about leadership, focus, emphasis on defense. Emphasis on picking up his teammates. Those are the things that have fed his journey right now where he is really right now playing well, playing as well as anybody in the league, if not the nation."

— Michigan coach John Beilein on Trey Burke



Michigan guard Trey Burke, pictured above playing against West Virginia on Dec. 15 in New York and at the top with teammate Mitch McGary in a game against Northwestern on Jan. 3, has been one of the best players in America for the Wolverines, who were 15-0 heading into Wednesday night's game against Nebraska.

FACT SHEET

Better by far

Trey Burke's statistics from last year compared to the first 15 games of this season:

CATEGORY	2011-12	2012-13
MINUTES	36.1	33.1
POINTS	14.8	18.2
ASSISTS	4.6	7.5
TURNOVERS	2.8	1.9
STEALS	0.9	1.3
REBOUNDS	3.5	3.0
FG PCT.	43.3%	54.6%
3-POINT PCT.	34.8%	40.6%

UPDATE

Note: For a recap of Michigan's game Wednesday night against Nebraska, go to AnnArbor.com. Next game: No. 2 Michigan at No. 15 Ohio State, 1:30 p.m. Sunday. TV: CBS

Morris
remains
left outNo one elected into
Baseball Hall of FameBY JAMES SCHMEHL
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DETROIT — For only the second time in more than four decades, the Baseball Writers Association of America failed to elect anyone to the Hall of Fame.

That means former Detroit Tiger Jack Morris is down to his last strike. In his 14th year on the ballot, Morris received 67.7 percent of the vote, falling short of the 75 percent needed to gain election.

Morris, 57, moved one percentage point ahead of last year's total amid a controversial crop of first-timers led by steroid-tainted stars Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens, who received 36.2 percent and 37.6 percent of the vote, respectively.

For former Tigers shortstop Alan Trammell, the wait continues, too. In his 12th year on the ballot, he received 33.6 percent of the vote — a drop from 2012. Last year, when Barry Larkin was elected to the Hall, Trammell received 38.6 percent of the vote.

Among 10-year members of the BBWAA, 569 submitted ballots, including five who left their ballot blank. Candidates needed 427 votes to gain entry.

"The standards for earning election to the Hall of Fame have been very high ever since the rules were created in 1936," Hall of Fame president Jeff Idelson said. "We realize the challenges voters are faced with in this era."

It's only the eighth time the BBWAA did not elect a Hall of Famer, and the first since 1996 when Phil Niekro led vote-getters with 68.3 of the vote.

Morris is down to his last shot, and next year joins a trio of should-be Hall of Famers, including 300-game winners Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine.

"The fact that I've had to endure this whole ordeal for so long just mellowed me out to the point that I realize maybe I don't necessarily have to have everything I want in life," Morris told MLB Network Radio this week. "I think that's a great life lesson. You don't always get everything you want."

With 254 career victories under his belt, Morris is the winningest pitcher in the 1980s, going 162-119 for the Tigers during that decade, capped by a World Series title in 1984. He won 198 games in 14 seasons with the Tigers and pitched for four World Series winners.

Craig Biggio — a first-time-eligible Hall of Fame candidate — led all candidates with 68.8 percent of the vote.



Jack Morris

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LIONS

Detroit cuts
Vanden Bosch

Detroit Lions defensive end Kyle Vanden Bosch has joined the unemployment list on "Black Tuesday." Vanden Bosch was released by the team and joins receiver Titus Young and guard Stephen Peterman, who also were recently released. Vanden Bosch, 34, was expected to make \$7 million in 2013 and his production dropped significantly last year. He earned three Pro Bowl selections in 11 NFL seasons but had only 36 tackles and 3.5 sacks in 16 starts in 2012.



— Lions release trio, B5

PISTONS

Laker suspended

Metta World Peace was suspended one game without pay after the NBA confirmed that the Los Angeles Lakers forward hit Detroit Pistons guard Brandon Knight after clutching him around the neck in a game Sunday at The Palace of Auburn Hills. The Lakers beat the Pistons 98-97. World Peace, when he went by his original name of Ron Artest, was a central figure in an infamous Nov. 19, 2004 incident at The Palace, while playing for the Indiana Pacers, a brawl which spilled over into the stands.

Calderon debuts at point guard in loss to Knicks, B5

SPARTANS

MSU signs recruits

Michigan State announced Wednesday morning it signed 18 football players to national letters of intent. The list includes five players from Ohio, three each from Michigan, Florida and Pennsylvania, two from Wisconsin and one each from Illinois and Canada. The Class of 2013 will join a Spartans program that finished 7-6 last season, ending with a 17-16 win over TCU in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl. Check out a list of Spartans recruits on Scoreboard, B4

TIGERS

Verlander at Pro-Am

Justin Verlander will face a different challenge, when the Detroit Tigers' Cy Young award winner competes in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am beginning today. "I'm pretty nervous about it," Verlander said. "Put me in front of 60,000 people, give me a baseball and I have no issues. Put me in front of 50 people with a ball that's not moving and that's a different story."



Verlander is scheduled to play with pro golfers Robert Garrigus and Tim Petrovic and race car driver Rubens Barrichello. The foursome was scheduled to tee off at 8 this morning.

— MLive.com



Michigan sophomore Trey Burke, left, bats the ball away from Ohio State junior Aaron Craft during the last minute of overtime at Crisler Center on Tuesday. Michigan defeated the Buckeyes 76-74 in overtime.

Birthday bash

BEILEIN CELEBRATES 60TH WITH VICTORY OVER OHIO STATE

BY NICK BAUMGARDNER
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ANN ARBOR — John Beilein turned 60 on Tuesday. And shortly after midnight Wednesday, he was proud to announce that he never wants to turn 60 again.

"It was just good to get the 'W,'" said a relieved Beilein after No. 3 Michigan's 76-74 overtime win over No. 10 Ohio State. "It's almost tomorrow, it is tomorrow."

"Thank God the birthday's over."

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■ Burke strikes back against Craft, B3

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STATE BRIEFS

TIGERS
Sanchez won't pitch today

Team Venezuela requested permission to use Detroit Tigers starter Anibal Sanchez in a World Baseball Classic game today and was denied by the Tigers. Sanchez threw 20 pitches Thursday



Anibal Sanchez

in a 9-3 loss to the Dominican Republic before the game was delayed by rain, which led to Sanchez's removal. He allowed three runs — two earned — on three hits and one walk in one-third of an inning. "It's just the people from Detroit want him to pitch next week," Venezuela manager Luis Sojo told reporters in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

— Leyland has no plans to retire, B5

WOLVERINES
Wooden finalist

Michigan's Trey Burke was named a finalist for the 2013 Wooden Award, given annually to the country's player of the year. Burke is a finalist for the Wooden and Oscar Robertson player of the year honors. No Michigan player has ever won the Wooden, Naismith or Robertson trophies. The sophomore point guard is averaging 19.1 points and 6.9 assists per game this season. He leads the Big Ten Conference in assists and in total points. He leads the country in assist-turnover ratio at 3.65. Indiana's Victor Oladipo and Cody Zeller, and Ohio State's Deshaun Thomas also were named finalists.

LIONS
Delmas has suitors

Detroit Lions safety Louis Delmas woke up Saturday morning a free agent with NFL teams competing for him, including Detroit. He is not allowed to sign a contract until Tuesday. The former second-round pick was in Allen Park on Friday for a follow-up physical. It appears Delmas is healthy enough for Detroit to make a run at him. Delmas has missed 13 games over the past two seasons with two knee injuries. He finished with 38 tackles and one interception in eight games last season and had 51 tackles during 11 regular season games in 2011.

SPARTANS
MSU into final

Jasmine Thomas scored 14 of her 19 points in the second half, and the Michigan State women's basketball team used its stout defense to upset No. 8 Penn State 54-46 in the Big Ten tournament semifinals. Becca Mills added 16 points for the Spartans (24-7), who held Penn State to 22 percent shooting and enjoyed a 52-38 rebounding edge. Penn State (25-5) won the Big Ten regular-season title. Michigan State will meet third-seeded Purdue in the final at 4 p.m. today.

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BURKE, U-M CAN CLAIM A SHARE OF BIG TEN TITLE WITH WIN

BY NICK BAUMGARDNER
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ANN ARBOR — Trey Burke's best friend always wants him to succeed on the basketball court. He just rarely wants him to win.

On Sunday, former Ohio State forward Jared Sullinger will be doing both — pulling for his pal, and rooting for Michigan.

If Michigan beats Indiana today, the Wolverines will not only earn a share of the Big Ten Conference title for themselves — but they also could get one

for rivals Michigan State and Ohio State.

MSU and OSU have to beat Northwestern and Illinois, respectively, but there's a chance

for a four-way split if the Wolverines take care of business against the Hoosiers.

Burke admits it will be weird but says everyone is welcome on the Michigan bandwagon.

"I talked to (Sullinger) about that," Burke said. "He roots for me either way, but he never roots for Michigan."

After Indiana fell at home against Ohio State last Sunday, Sullinger — a high school teammate and childhood friend of Burke's — tweeted that he'd be doing the unthinkable today.

"Michigan is screaming go bucks..... If we win I'm going to be screaming Go Blue," Sullinger wrote Tuesday night. "Yessssssss #GoBucks. Now on Sunday at 4 #GOBLUE."

Oddly enough, Michigan finds itself in the exact opposite position as it was a year ago on the final day of the regular season.

Last year, after beating Penn State, Michigan was pulling for Ohio State to knock off MSU at Breslin Center. Former Buckeye William Buford played the role of hero, spoiling Michigan State's senior night with a last-second shot, sending the Wolverines into hysterics inside their film room in Ann Arbor.

Now, the Wolverines have their two most-hated rivals on their side for one afternoon.

Bautista homer lifts Blue Jays past Tigers

BY CHRIS IOTT
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DUNEDIN, Fla. — Doug Fister felt good. But he didn't feel like he pitched very well. Fister allowed four runs in three-plus innings Saturday afternoon in a 4-2 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays.

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Victor Oladipo

Trey Burke

Deshaun Thomas

Keith Appling

UPDATE

Next game: No. 7 Michigan vs. No. 2 Indiana, 4 p.m. today at Crisler Center
TV: CBS



BREAKDOWN

IF INDIANA WINS...
• Hoosiers win Big Ten title outright
IF MICHIGAN WINS...
• Wolverines share title with Indiana; MSU, Ohio State also can tie with wins today

UPDATE

Next game: No. 10 MSU vs. Northwestern, 6 tonight at Breslin Center
TV: Big Ten Network



Fister feels good, but not happy with outing

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get the results I wanted to. "It's a good and bad day. I've just got to get ready for (today)."

Fister had an up-and-down outing. After allowing a two-run home run to Jose Bautista in the first inning, Fister retired seven of the next eight batters and had five strikeouts through three innings. But the Blue Jays loaded the bases with no outs in the fourth on a double by Bautista and walks to Adam Lind and Mark DeRosa.

Fister left the game at that point, but the two runs the Blue Jays scored later in the inning were charged to him. It gave the Blue Jays a 4-2 lead.



Doug Fister

Fister allowed four runs on four hits and two walks in three-plus innings. He struck out five.

Fister struck out four of five batters he faced at one point and said he was using a healthy dose of breaking balls during that span.

"I was trying to get a feel for it," Fister said. "It's been hit and miss. (Saturday), I felt a lot better with it, tried to throw it a lot more. For me, (Saturday) was trying to get a feel, trying to work on the cutter, work on the curveball."

Key to the game

Trailing 4-2, the Tigers loaded the bases with no outs in the top of the ninth inning but could not push across a run. Kevin Russo and Jeff Kobernus singled, and Nick Castellanos followed with an infield single

between the pitcher and first baseman. But Daniel Fields struck out and Don Kelly flied out to left field for the first two outs of the inning, and Tyler Collins grounded out to first base to end the game.

Highlights

• Andy Dirks homered to right-center — his first homer of the spring — in the top of the first inning to give the Tigers a 1-0 lead.

• The Tigers tied the game at 2-2 in the second inning. They had the bases loaded when starter Ricky Romero uncorked a wild pitch, which allowed Alex Avila to score from third base.

Other game notes

• After Melky Cabrera reached on a two-out single in the first inning,

MSU'S IZZO NOT NECESSARILY PULLING FOR WOLVERINES

BY MIKE GRIFFITH
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EAST LANSING — Coach Tom Izzo wouldn't say Michigan State will be pulling for rival Michigan to defeat Indiana today in Ann Arbor.

Even though that scenario gives the Spartans a share of the Big Ten Conference title, provided they defeat Northwestern at home, Izzo just couldn't bring himself to pull for the Wolverines.

"I know it is hard to believe," Izzo said following Friday's practice. "I can't tell you how much I believe it, but if it's meant to be, it's meant to be. If it's not, it won't (happen)."

"I only say that because of the chances we had."

Izzo was asked about pulling for the Wolverines after his 10th-ranked Spartans beat No. 23 Wisconsin 58-43 on Thursday night, too.

"There are mixed emotions," Izzo said. "What I'm going to do (today) is pull for Michigan State and (senior) Derrick Nix, and then we'll go into the Big Ten tournament and see what we can do there, and after that, we'll pull for every Big Ten team (in the NCAA tournament)."

Sophomore guard Travis Trice, who sparked Michigan State with a career-high six steals coming off the bench against the Badgers, echoed his head coach.

"We're concentrating on Northwestern and looking forward to the Big Ten tournament and NCAA tournament. We're not gonna sweat it," Trice said. "The only team we pull for is Michigan State. We don't pull for anybody else until the NCAA tournament, and then, we'll pull for all the Big Ten teams."

With a Michigan win today, it would set up a possible four-way tie atop the Big Ten standings with Indiana, Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State.



Tom Izzo

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UPDATE

Blue Jays 4, Tigers 2

Next game: Detroit vs. Washington Nationals, 1:05 p.m. today at Lakeland, Fla.



Bautista hit a laser over the wall in left field off Fister to give the Blue Jays a 2-1 lead. The home run ended a streak of scoreless innings thrown by Tigers starting pitchers at 25 1/2 innings.

• Avila doubled down the line just inside the bag at first base in the second inning, but Brayan Pena — who had reached on a single — was thrown out at home by several feet.

Despite some frustrating conference losses — at Wisconsin, at Penn State and a blowout in East Lansing — the Wolverines had their chance for a Big Ten title. Michigan's shot at another banner fell off the rim as Indiana escaped with a 72-71 win in the regular-season finale.

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How sweet it is

MICHIGAN ENDS SWEET 16 DROUGHT; MICHIGAN STATE RACING INTO INDIANAPOLIS

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TIGERS

Hunter steals show for Detroit

For nearly a decade, Torii Hunter has robbed the Detroit Tigers from scoring runs with his Spiderman-like catches in the outfield. The Tigers finally got a chance to see



Torii Hunter

how it feels from the other side. Hunter made a highlight-reel catch in the fourth inning, timing his jump and scaling the wall in right field to rob New York's Kevin Youkilis of a two-run homer on Saturday. The inning-ending catch proved crucial as the Tigers rallied from an early deficit to beat the New York Yankees, 10-6. Miguel Cabrera hit his fourth home run of the spring for Detroit.

— Koburns returned to Washington Nationals, B5

PISTONS

Detroit ends skid

Charlie Villanueva scored 15 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter, including a game-winning layup with 15 seconds remaining as the Detroit Pistons held on for a 92-91 victory. The Pistons (24-47) snapped a 10-game win streak and ended their winless March at the expense of the Bobcats (16-53), who have the NBA's worst record.

COLLEGE HOCKEY

U-M, Irish advance

The University of Michigan's 22-year streak of qualifying for the NCAA hockey tournament appeared to be in jeopardy after finishing with a 17-18-3 regular-season record. However, the Wolverines are still alive for the automatic bid given to the Central Collegiate Hockey Association tournament champion after defeating Miami (Ohio) 6-2 Saturday at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Michigan will face Notre Dame in today's 2 p.m. championship game. The Irish defeated Ohio State 3-1 in the first semifinal.

RED WINGS

Detroit beats Ducks

Justin Abdelkader recorded his first career NHL hat trick to lead the Detroit Red Wings to a 5-1 victory over the Ducks at the Honda Center late Friday night. Abdelkader has five goals in his past three games, after scoring only once in his previous 45 games, dating back to last season. The Red Wings return to action against the Anaheim Ducks at 8 tonight.

— MLive.com

VCU's 'Havoc' fails to fluster Wolverine guards

BY NOAH TRISTER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN HILLS — Michigan made "Havoc" look helpless. Now Trey Burke, Tim Hardaway Jr. and the rest of the cool-headed Wolverines are part of the school's longest NCAA tournament run in nearly two decades.

UP NEXT

Michigan vs. Kansas/ North Carolina winner, Friday at Arlington, Texas

regional semifinals for the first time since 1994. VCU couldn't create many easy baskets with its press, even though the Wolverines didn't have much time to prepare for it.

"This is a very high-IQ team that can pick up things very quickly," Michigan coach John Beilein said. "Everybody that played in the game, even the guys that did not play, just responded beautifully in the way we want Michigan to respond in these situations."

McGary, a 6-foot-10 freshman, set season highs in scoring and rebounding. VCU had no answer for him around the basket, and that pressure defense — the Rams call it "Havoc" — wasn't much of a factor.

VCU was relentless in a 46-point rout of Akron on Thursday, but the Rams met their match against Michigan's backcourt. Burke and Hardaway rarely looked rattled, and Michigan (28-7) committed just 12 turnovers.

"Certainly, in retrospect, it wasn't a very good matchup," Rams coach Shaka Smart said. "The credit for that goes to Michigan. I don't think that we, for whatever reason, had great bounce today and energy. Our guys tried. They always do, but I think what Michigan was able to do to us early on and us missing some easy shots ... that may have contributed to our spirit not being quite where it needed to be."

McGary made his first seven shots. Burke scored 18 points, and Hardaway and Glenn Robinson III added 14 each.

The Wolverines are advancing farther in the NCAA tournament than they have since 1994.



Above, Michigan's Mitch McGary dunks on VCU in Saturday's NCAA tournament game. McGary had 21 points and 14 rebounds for the Wolverines. Below, Michigan State's Derrick Nix muscled past Memphis.

Spartans making 11th trip to Sweet 16 under Coach Izzo

BY LARRY LAGE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN HILLS — Michigan State is into the round of 16 for the NCAA tournament — as usual.

Gary Harris scored 16 of his career-high 23 points in the first half and the third-seeded Spartans cruised past sixth-seeded Memphis 70-48 on Saturday, putting the Tom Izzo-led program in the regional semifinals for the fifth time in six years and the 11th time in his career.

Michigan State (27-8) will play the winner of the Duke-Creighton game on Friday in the Midwest Regional semifinals at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

The Tigers (31-5) advanced in the NCAA tournament for the first time in Josh Pastner's four seasons. The Conference USA champions are headed home because they struggled to stop Harris on the outside or his teammates inside all afternoon.

The Spartans' top post players — Adreian Payne and Derrick Nix — combined for 27 points and 18 rebounds.

Memphis' Geron Johnson scored 13 of his 16 points in the first half, and Joe Jackson finished with 12 points.

Michigan State led by as much as 13 in the first half, creating that cushion when Harris made his fifth shot — and fourth 3-pointer — with 7:59 left in the first half.

Memphis responded with a 12-2 run to pull within three, and the Spartans led 32-29 at halftime.

But the Tigers fell off the pace in the second half because they were over-matched physically by a Big Ten Conference power after going undefeated during their regular season in Conference USA.

Harris got into foul trouble early in the second half, getting called for his third and fourth fouls, sending him to the bench with 13:42 left.

Keith Appling picked up the slack by making his first shot to put Michigan State up by nine points, but the team's leading scorer left for good with 8:35 left with a shoulder injury.

Before Appling was hurt, he had a towel thrown at him during a heated exchange by Nix.

THE GAMES

Today's schedule

- WEST REGION**
- Iowa State vs. Ohio State, 12:15 p.m.
 - LaSalle vs. Mississippi, 7:40 p.m.
- EAST REGION**
- Temple vs. Indiana, 2:45 p.m.
 - Illinois vs. Miami (Fla.), 8:40 p.m.
- SOUTH REGION**
- North Carolina vs. Kansas, 5:15 p.m.
 - Minnesota vs. Florida, 6:10 p.m.
 - Fla.-Gulf Coast vs. San Diego St., 7 p.m.
- MIDWEST REGION**
- Creighton vs. Duke, 9:40 p.m.



Florida Gulf Coast not surprised with tournament success

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"Fort Myers is kind of rocking and rolling right now," FGCU forward Eddie Murray said Saturday, less than 24 hours after the No. 15 Eagles beat second-seeded Georgetown 78-68. "They're really

excited. This is a big thing for the city and I'm glad we could deliver this."

It was one heck of a delivery. Suddenly, a school with an enrollment of about 12,000, whose first graduating class wore its

caps and gowns in 2001, is getting national attention because of a basketball team loaded with players whose best recruiting offers were from conferences like the Atlantic 10 and Missouri Valley.

The teenagers bought into the pitch from Andy Enfield, a coach who made millions starting up a document imaging and contract management company in the health care industry, and who happens to be married to former supermodel Amanda Marcum.

Hard to argue with that kind of salesman.

"Yes, we sold this vision," said Enfield, who has also spent

time as an assistant coach in the NBA and at Florida State.

Enfield's motto is simple and he's lived up to it. "I aim for the stars," he said.

Right now he's taking the team and the school with him. "The biggest thing he's given me has just been confidence," Murray said.

The Eagles' (25-10) put on a classic performance against Georgetown, putting on an offensive display unlike any seen against the Hoyas this season. Their 21-2 run in the second half stunned the sellout crowd, and their ability to hold off a final charge sold the fans on the legitimacy of the win.



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Michigan advanced to its first Sweet 16 since 1994 with wins over Virginia Commonwealth and South Dakota State. Freshman Mitch McGary burst onto the scene with 34 points and 23 rebounds in the two games.

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WOLVERINES

Changes for U-M defense

The Michigan football team is looking for ways to account for the loss of star linebacker Jake Ryan. Defensive coordinator Greg Mattison said Tuesday that junior Brennan Beyer has moved from weak-side end to strong-side linebacker. Ryan started the past two seasons there, but is out indefinitely after tearing an ACL in spring camp last week. "(Beyer has) done some very good things for it being just his first couple of days," Mattison said.

Gordon emerging as leader on defense, B2

TIGERS

Porcello to start

Drew Smyly wants to be a starting pitcher in the major leagues, but he is thrilled to be heading north with the Detroit Tigers as a reliever.



Rick Porcello

Tigers manager Jim Leyland announced Tuesday that Rick Porcello will be in the rotation and Smyly will be on the opening day roster as a relief pitcher. "It's an honor to make the team," Smyly said. "All along, I just wanted to be on the team. I wanted to help the team win." Porcello is 3-1 with a 3.00 ERA in six spring training appearances; Smyly is 4-0 with a 3.38 ERA this spring.

With Berry sent to Toledo, final roster spot between Worth, Santiago, B5

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Izzo rooting for U-M

Tom Izzo isn't completely caving, but that doesn't mean the Michigan State coach isn't pulling for his fellow Big Ten teams in the Sweet 16 this weekend. Even Michigan. "I am. I really am," Izzo said in an interview on Detroit radio station WXYT. "Our conference is always taking bashings, it seems like. Maybe I'm getting to the point where I'm tired of it. I don't think people realize how good this league was this year. If we could have four teams in the Final Four, I'd be happy."

SPARTANS

Cousins on campus

Washington Redskins quarterback and former Michigan State signal-caller Kirk Cousins will be part of the Big Ten Network broadcast team for the Spartans' spring football game on April 20 at Spartan Stadium.

—MLive.com

BY NICK BAUMGARDNER
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When the Michigan basketball team was blowing the doors off opponents in November, December and January, the Wolverines were dropping the word "swagger" faster than John Beilein rolls up his sleeves.

But when February began and slowly turned into March, Michigan's swagger went missing in action.

The Wolverines lacked confidence at times and struggled with consistency. They didn't look the same.

That swagger reappeared at The Palace of Auburn Hills last weekend in the NCAA regional.

"Now that we've got a few games in this tournament and a few confidence boosters, everybody's starting to get on the same page on this team," Michigan freshman Mitch McGary said in a radio interview on Detroit's WDFN-AM. "Everybody's getting their swagger back."

During double-digit wins over South Dakota State and Virginia Commonwealth in the tournament's second and third rounds last week, Michigan seemed to get back to what pushed it to No. 1 nationally at the end of January.

The Wolverines got stops on defense, and ran until they couldn't run any longer.

They hit open 3's, they finished possessions with dunks and almost everyone who touched the floor played a role.

Michigan's tournament run is far from over, and it will only get more difficult from here — and that starts Friday (7:37 p.m., TBS) against top-seeded Kansas in the Sweet 16 at Cowboys Stadium.

But for a team in search of confidence, last week seemed to be just what the doctor ordered.

"I'm glad our team's peaking



Michigan freshman forward Mitch McGary, at right talking with teammate Glenn Robinson III, says the Wolverines have newfound confidence after a couple of wins in the NCAA tournament.

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at the right time, we're getting back to our top 10 potential like we were at the beginning of the season," McGary said. "It's been a lot of heart, actually."

"I think our team just wants it more. This is the last go-around for the seniors, we've talked about it multiple times, and everyone wants to go out there and put it on the table. We want to be one of the best teams in the country."

On Thursday against SDSU, Michigan won despite Trey Burke going through his worst

shooting night of the season. On Saturday against VCU, McGary had his biggest game of the season, and rookie guard Spike Albrecht proved he's ready to contribute if need be.

Tim Hardaway Jr. was terrific both nights, and Michigan's defense was more than good enough.

Are the Wolverines peaking? Right now, that's tough to argue. "It means a lot (to reach the Sweet 16), especially with this group of guys," Hardaway said on the Jim Rome Show. "You have five freshmen playing significant minutes for us, and they're playing in the tournament like it's not their first rodeo. They're playing hard, playing smart, like they're sophomores or juniors out there."

"It's great to have freshmen that know what it takes to win."

Football coach's dream: McGary at linebacker

BY KYLE MEINKE
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ANN ARBOR — Michigan forward Mitch McGary said after his 21-point, 14-rebound performance Saturday against VCU that he plays basketball with a football mentality.

Greg Mattison has noticed.

The Michigan defensive coordinator gushed Tuesday about McGary, and quipped that he would like to recruit McGary for the football team.

"No question about it," Mattison said with a laugh. "I already promised he'd be a

5-technique (defensive lineman) right away and we'd get him a lot of sacks. I love him."

"I saw him one time, the team was going to eat somewhere. I just happened to run into him. I'd never stood next to him, and I just looked at him and all I kept thinking is, 'Wow, would he be good as a 5-technique.'"

The 6-foot-10, 238-pound freshman averages 6.8 points and a team-best 5.9 rebounds per game. He has started Michigan's two NCAA tournament, and is averaging a double-double with 17 points and 11.5 rebounds per game.

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Harris heads to hometown

Freshman guard might even show excitement for game in Indianapolis

BY DIAMOND LEUNG
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EAST LANSING — Michigan State freshman sensation Gary Harris is from the Indianapolis suburb of Fishers, Ind., and already has a history of playing well in his home state where he was once crowned Mr. Basketball.

He had 21 points at Indiana and then helped his team win at Purdue.

Coming off a career-high 23 points in a win against Memphis, Harris now heads to

Lucas Oil Stadium to play in the NCAA tournament in front of a hometown crowd.

"He's going to be geeked up," center Derrick Nix.

That's fine by coach Tom Izzo, who has been wanting Harris to express himself more even though it might not naturally be in his personality to do so.

Connecting on four 3-pointers fired up Harris perhaps more so than ever before on the court.

"You've got to be a little demonstrative," Izzo said. "You have to show your emotion. The flat-line thing some people want to talk about, 'that's cool.' What's cool about it, you know? Why should you have to guess if a guy is feeling good or feeling bad? I don't think that's cool."

"I believe that passion is a motivator. It drives you, and some people can hold it in, they say. I'm not a big believer in that. So I say if it's important to you, you're going to see that it's important."

"Gary is learning how to do that. Going back home is going to be great. I know his family is excited."

Harris said he was nervous going into the opening-round game against Valparaiso after which he had 10 points and four assists.

Then against Memphis, Harris pumped his fists and showed emotion after having the hot hand, before he reverted to being reserved in the postgame news conference.

Now he will have to get fired up to guard Duke's leading scorer Seth Curry.



From left, Gary Harris, Adreian Payne and Keith Appling watch the final moments of Michigan State's 70-48 win against Memphis last weekend at The Palace. Harris, a native of Fishers, Ind., will play close to home when the Spartans face Duke on Friday in Indianapolis.

"I feel like especially this time of year, every little play matters, and a lot more's on the line, so I feel like everybody's a lot more emotional," Harris said.

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Mitch McGary's emergence has proved key to the Wolverines' tournament run as the freshman forward fueled Michigan past Kansas and Florida for its first trip to the Final Four since the Fab Five's back-to-back trips in 1992 and '93.



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